

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2023
3-5pm
Zoom Videoconferencing

Members present:

	Present		Present		Present
Achilov Dilshod	X	Fair Meghan	X	Mofford Kari	X
Ahrens Scott		Fields Keota	X	Moisander Pia	
Albin Laurel		Fisher Anthony	X	Msangi Ziddi	
Almeida Jessica	X	Fisher Robert		Nulty Timothy	X
Anguelov Nick	X	Fowler Alex	X	O'Connor Nancy	X
Arora Anupama	X	Gelmi Caroline	X	O'Rielly Grant	X
Arruda Elisabeth	X	Gulbrandsen Karen	X	Omer Harun	-
Ayotte Brian	X	Hall Maureen	X	Pacheco Sonia	X
Barrett Diana		Hausknecht Adam	X	Powers Theodore	X
Bell Christine		Heffernan Lorraine	X	Rajaniemi Tara	
Berggren Heidi		Jia Xiaofei		Reda Danya	X
Bhowmick Sankha	X	Joardar Arpita		Revell Andrew	X
Boone R. Tom	-	Kellogg Marni		Roscoe Doug	X
Borim Dario	X	Khatib Firas	X	Saleh-Hanna Viviane	X
Botvin Joshua	X	Kim Saeja	X	Santavicca Nicholas	X
Bowers Michelle		Kish Robin	X	Scarano Frank	X
Bromage Erin	X	Klobucka Anna	X	Silby Mark	
Buck Elisabeth	X	Li Yuzhu	X	Silva Glaucia	X
Casero Eric	X	Lohrenz Steven	X	Smilan Cathy	X
Clifford Ralph	X	Lubinsky Crystal	X	Sneider Matthew	X
Cowles Geoff		Manganiello William	X	Tandon Amit	

Curran	Catharine	X	Manke	David	X	Viall	Benjamin	-
Darst	Robert		Manning	Kenneth		Viveiros	Jennifer	
DeLuca	Katherine		Marshall	Douglas	X	Wang	Honggang	
Dempsey	Anna	X	McGuire	Chad	X	Wilson	Mary	X
Eisenhart	Chris	X	Mehrtens	Cristina		Winslow	Benjamin	X
Evans	Shari		Miraglia	Caterina	X	Witzig	Stephen	X

36 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

February 27, 2023, 3-5pm, Zoom

- Call to Order at 3:07pm
- Approval of February 1st minutes
 - Motion made (Andrew Revell) and seconded (Grant O’Rielly)
 - No objections – Minutes approved
- President’s Report (Doug Roscoe)
 - New ‘Subscribe’ button on Discussion Board in Senate myCourses
 - Result of Kari Mofford’s efforts
 - New Ad Hoc Committee re Scheduling
 - Background for need for committee
 - Issue of meeting quorum has raised need to evaluate timing of Senate meetings
 - Committee charge: Consider the availability of classroom space and scheduling needs of all academic departments to determine timing of meetings
 - Committee composition: hoping for 1 faculty from each senate council as well as members from Registrar’s office and Academic Affairs
 - Interested members reach out to Doug Roscoe
 - Upcoming Change to Current Learning Management System (LMS)
 - Blackboard Learn is being discontinued and our contract expires August 2025
 - If no decision is made, we transition to Blackboard Ultra
 - Time to consider our choices for LMS
 - CITS would like our input
 - Technology Committee will work with CITS to direct process to learn about various LMS and collect feedback

- Discussion about process
 - Unfinished Business
 - Learning Modalities Committee recommendations
 - Motion to Break into 4 individual motions (Cathy Curran)
 - Ruling of the Chair that Motion is not in order
 - Decision appealed (Cathy Curran)
 - Vote on Ruling of the Chair
 - Vote carries - 34% Yes, 54.5% No
 - Motion seconded (Cathy Smilan)
 - Discussion
 - Offer of Friendly Amendment (Christopher Eisenhart)
 - Vote on Motion
 - 40 votes - 19 in favor, 20 opposed, 1 abstention - Motion fails
 - Motion to Amend as Proposed (Christopher Eisenhart)
 - Vote on Motion
 - 43 votes - 81% in favor
 - Motion to Refer to Provost as Amended
 - Vote on Motion
 - 43 votes - 30 in favor, 12 opposed - Motion carries
- Provost's Report (Hanchen Huang)
 - Summary of Forum on Retention
 - Enrollment numbers looks really good
 - Retention Committee is moving ahead
 - Working to identify root causes of retention challenge
 - Defining strategies to address these causes
 - Faculty Success
 - Survey distributed by Tom Boone to assess faculty perspective
- Committee Reports
 - Technology Committee (Beste Gucler)
 - Invite faculty to participate in discussion about new LMS alternatives
 - Course Evaluations
 - Two recommendations
 - CITS provide all faculty members with the timeline for student evaluations at the beginning of the semester
 - University considers promoting higher student response rates
 - Motion to Approve Recommendations (Alex Fowler) and seconded (Chad McGuire)
 - Discussion

- Motion to Amend the Second Recommendation (Theodore Powers) and seconded (Crystal Lubinsky)
 - Vote on Motion
 - 40 votes - 85% in support - Motion carries
- Motion to Postpone Indefinitely Until Labor Management Committee finishes their work (Ralph Clifford) and seconded (Timothy Nulty)
 - Vote on Motion
 - 35 votes - Motion fails due to lack of quorum
- Motion to Adjourn
 - Made (Chad McGuire) and seconded