Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2023  
3:30-5:30pm  
Zoom Videoconferencing

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FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA
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- Call to Order at 3:35pm
- Admin Notes (Brian Ayotte)
  - Use Zoom hand to be recognized to speak
  - Gathering questions and comments for invited guests prior to the meeting
  - Meetings are not venues for individual concerns
- President’s Report (Brian Ayotte)
  - Still openings on various Senate committees
  - LMS implementation nearing next decision point
  - Continue discussion on course caps and minimums in November
  - Met with David Gingerella to discuss some issues and possible solutions
- Committee Reports
  - Scheduling Committee (Heather Turcotte)
    - Survey sent out
      - Responses received through May/June
      - Sent to multiple departments and people responsible for scheduling
    - Survey results
      - No one time that everybody can come together
      - Focus should be on whether there are better times or few that we could alternate back and forth
      - Times that seem available are:
        - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 12-12:50pm
Fridays 2-5pm
• Question of availability to attend meetings, etc.

• By-Laws Committee (Doug Roscoe)
  ■ Two pieces of old business
    • Possible renaming of the research committee
      ○ No need to change
    • Issue of quorum
  ■ New business
    • Dropping quorum to 40%, which is 32 senators
    • Special rule: require big motions to be stated at 2 separate meetings for deliberation
    • Making Robert’s Rules the parliamentary authority in the bylaws
    • Electing all committees not just General Education and UCC
      ○ May increase involvement by additional faculty

• SGPI Committee (Jennifer Viveiros)
  ■ Looking for faculty interested in joining
  ■ Updates to come

• Facilities Update (David Gingerella)
  • STAR Store update
    ■ All university-owned equipment has been moved out
    ■ Still have outstanding issues to work out

• Building renovations
  ■ CVPA building up for updates after LARTS
    ○ Roof, windows, and water penetration
  ■ Textiles & Violette afterwards

• New Business
  • Working on the charge for the ad hoc committees
    ■ Will post on myCourses and ask for volunteers

• Provost’s Report (Ram Bala)
  • Planning alternate spaces and times for classes
  • Considering alternate spaces for faculty offices and student services
  • Verification and textbook orders
    ■ Federally required activities with implications for institutional aid
  • CCB Dean search
    ■ Forming the committee – seeking faculty representation

• Professional development and wellness opportunities
• Strategic planning process will start soon

• Motion to Adjourn
  • Made (Benjamin Winslow) and seconded