

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2024

3:00-5:00pm

Grand Reading Room/Zoom Videoconferencing

Members present:

| | Present | | Present | | Present |
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| Achilov Dilshod | | Evans Shari | X | Mofford Kari | X |
| Ahrens Scott | | Fair Meghan | X | Moisander Pia | |
| Anguelov Nick | X | Fields Keota | | Msangi Ziddi | |
| Arkerson Robin | X | Fisher Anthony | X | Mulnix Jennifer | X |
| Arora Anupama | | Fisher Robert | | Neto Catherine | X |
| Arruda Elisabeth | X | Fletcher Megan | | O'Rielly Grant | X |
| Avery Shannon | X | Fowler Alex | X | Olitsky Neal | |
| Ayotte Brian | X | Franz Laura | X | Owens Lisa | X |
| Barrett Diana | | Gardner Catherine | | Pacheco Sonia | X |
| Berggren Heidi | X | Gelmi Caroline | X | Rajaniemi Tara | |
| Bhowmick Sankha | | Gulbrandsen Karen | | Reda Danya | |
| Borim Dario | X | Hall Maureen | | Revell Andrew | X |
| Botvin Joshua | | Huang Rui | X | Roscoe Doug | X |
| Bowman Julie | | Jia Xiaofei | | Santavicca Nicholas | X |
| Bromage Erin | | Kayumova Shakhnoza | | Scarano Frank | X |
| Buck Elisabeth | | Khatib Firas | X | Schuler Monika | |
| Caldera Kathryn | | Kim Saeja | X | Silby Mark | |
| Casero Eric | X | Kish Robin | | Silva Glaucia | |
| Clark Jennifer | X | Klobucka Anna | X | Sneider Matthew | X |
| Cowles Geoff | X | Li Yuzhu | X | Tandon Amit | X |

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| Curran | Catharine | | Lohrenz | Steven | X | Turcotte | Heather | X |
| Darst | Robert | X | Lubinsky | Crystal | X | Viveiros | Jennifer | X |
| Dawe | Megan | X | Lynch | Devon | | Wang | Honggang | |
| DeLuca | Katherine | | Manke | David | X | Winslow | Benjamin | X |
| Dempsey | Anna | X | Manning | Kenneth | | Witzig | Stephen | |
| Eckert | Maureen | X | Marshall | Douglas | X | Wood | Emma | X |
| Eisenhart | Chris | X | Mehrtens | Cristina | | Wilson | Mary | X |

30 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

March 5, 2024, 3:00-5:00pm, Library Grand Reading Room/Zoom

- Call to Order at about 3:07pm
- Admin Reminders (Brian Ayotte)
 - ☒ Email questions or comments for invited guests to the Faculty Senate email ahead of meeting
 - Allows for presenters to prepare responses and information
- President's Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - ☒ All materials for motions and presentations will be posted to myCourses ahead of the meeting by at least one day
 - ☒ Most committees have scheduled their meetings for the semester
 - If not, let Brian or Kari know so they can update
 - Meetings are open to non-members
 - Encourage committee chairs to provide some time for non-members to provide comments at the beginning or end of meetings
- Committee Reports
 - ☒ Research Committee (Amit Tandon)
 - Committee charge updated to reflect current responsibilities
 - Update on recent work by the committee
 - Projected work for spring 2024
 - Multiple issues with IRB and compliance issues
 - New travel program with Concur
 - Other research-related issues
- Approval of February minutes

- ∅ Motion made (Andrew Revell) and seconded (Firas Khatib)
 - ∅ No additions or amendments – motion approved
- Committee Reports (cont'd)
 - ∅ Student Faculty Academic Affairs Committee (Benjamin Winslow)
 - Already met 3 times this semester; 4 more meetings planned
 - Looking at several different topics
 - Proposed policy regarding credit limits as applied to Intersession/Maymester courses
 - Currently no limits on number of credits students can take
 - Proposed: Limiting students to three credits during 3-week sessions/Maymester, six credits during 5-week sessions, eight credits during 7-week sessions
 - Calculated based on hours an average full-time student would complete during a week and scaling to appropriate credit hours
 - ∅ Technology Committee (Beste Gucler)
 - Update on new LMS (Canvas) roll out/transition timeline
 - Pilot in summer with OCE
 - Pilot extended in the fall & faculty training
 - Summer 2025 - full conversion
 - All courses from AY 2023-24 will be converted
 - New Toshiba MFD replacements completed by the end of March
 - Only exception is the LARTS building – will update after renovations completed
 - All fax lines will be moved to eFax
 - Wi-Fi connectivity issues
 - If anyone experiencing issues, submit a ticket on IT Help
 - Research & technology issues
 - Hosting a meeting with various stakeholder to increase clarity and communication
 - Expanding COIN to graduate studies
 - Advising reports currently don't exist for graduate students
 - Issue brought up by Data Science faculty
- Honors College (Amy Shapiro)
 - ∅ Introduction
 - Enrollment & complete rate have increased since 2021
 - Launching a peer mentoring program in Fall 2024
 - ∅ Benefits to students
 - Multiple benefits including engaged learning in small classes, faculty mentors, career preparation
 - ∅ Benefits to campus & departments
 - Improving campus graduation rates

- Increased number of talented students in all courses
 - ∅ Benefits to faculty
 - Teach or co-teach your dream course
 - Teach classes of fully engaged high performing students
 - Courses can be taught on-load or for ad comp
 - ∅ Examples of academic pathways for Political Science/Pre-Law & Biology/Pre-Med
- New Business
 - ∅ By-Laws Committee (Doug Roscoe)
 - Proposed By-Laws Changes
 - Add section on Rules of Order
 - Adopting Robert’s Rules as the parliamentary authority
 - Lowering the quorum requirement from 40 to 32
 - Creating the “Double State” rule
 - Applies only to recommendations being made as part of the governing process
 - No limits on number of times to speak during discussion
 - Chair can participate/speak
 - Establish Order of Business for meetings
 - Remove section re Committee’s ability to establish its rules and elect its officers
 - Motion made (Doug Roscoe) and seconded (Benjamin Winslow)
 - Motion to Amend made (Jennifer Mulnix) to remove the proposal that removes the committee’s ability to establish its rules
 - Seconded (Maureen Eckert)
 - Vote: 19 Yes, 11 No, 3 Abstain
 - Motion passes; amended by-laws proposal moves to Qualtrics for voting
 - New proposed by-law changes
 - Re-apportionment: increase the number of council seats and decrease the number of at-large seats so total is 40 council seats and 40 at-large seats
 - Proposed transition scheme
 - EDU council folding into SSCI council
 - TECH council members become members of their department’s academic council
- Provost’s Report (Ram Bala)
 - ∅ Postponing LARTS Dean search until after renovations completed
 - ∅ Strategic Planning update – email with details and timeline tomorrow
 - ∅ Admitted Students Day
 - First event: February 25th

- Next events: March 23rd and April 21st
- ∅ Mid-Semester progress indicators
- ∅ Summer registration starts March 4th and Fall Registration starts April 1st
- ∅ MUST Research Program awarded \$4.29M to UMassD
- ∅ Scholarship Celebration tomorrow
- ∅ Leadership Opportunities in the Provost's Office
 - Chief Research Officer
 - Faculty Fellow for Student Retention
- Motion to Adjourn
 - ∅ Made (Andrew Revell) and seconded (Benjamin Winslow/Dario Borim)
- Meeting concluded at 4:59pm