

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2024

3:00-5:00pm

Grand Reading Room

Members present:

	Present		Present		Present
Achilov Dilshod		Eisenhart Chris	X	McHenry Kristen	X
Anguelov Nick		Evans Shari	X	Mehrtens Cristina	
Arkerson Robin	X	Fair Meghan		Mofford Kari	X
Arora Anupama		Fields Keota		Moisander Pia	
Arruda Elisabeth	X	Fisher Robert		Msangi Ziddi	
VACANT		Fletcher Megan		Mulnix Jennifer	
Ayotte Brian	X	Franz Laura		Neto Catherine	X
Barrett Diana		Gardner Catherine		O’Rielly Grant	X
Berggren Heidi		Gelmi Caroline		Owens Lisa	X
Botvin Joshua		Gulbrandsen Karen		Pacheco Sonia	X
Bowman Julie	X	Hall Maureen		Peteva Elena	
Bromage Erin	X	Heffernan Lorraine	X	Rajaniemi Tara	
VACANT		Huang Rui	X	Revell Andrew	
Caldera Kathryn		Kayumova Shakhnoza		Roscoe Doug	X
Casero Eric	X	Khatib Firas	X	Santavicca Nicholas	X
Chalivendra Vijaya		Kim Saeja	X	Scarano Frank	X
Clark Jennifer		Kish Robin		Schuler Monika	X
Clinton Christopher	X	Klobucka Anna	X	Shea Timothy	
VACANT		Li Yuzhu	X	Silby Mark	
Cowles Geoff		Lohrenz Steven	X	Silva Glaucia	X

Curran	Catharine		Lubinsky	Crystal	X	Sneider	Matthew	X
Darst	Robert		Lynch	Devon	X	Tandon	Amit	
Dawe	Megan		Manke	David	X	Turcotte	Heather	
DeLuca	Katherine		Manning	Kenneth	X	Viveiros	Jennifer	X
Dempsey	Anna	X	Marshall	Douglas		Winslow	Benjamin	X
Drew	Margaret	X	Mayes	Maricris	X	Wood	Emma	
Eckert	Maureen		McGuire	Chad	X	Xing	Liudong	

10 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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- Administrative Notes
 - ⌘ Email questions and comments to facultysenate@umassd.edu
 - Especially important for invited guests so they can come prepared with answers to questions
- Approval of September (corrected) and October minutes
 - ⌘ Motion to approve (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Glaucia Silva)
 - No amendments, additions, or oppositions – Motion approved
- President's Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - ⌘ Zoom listening option available
 - Can't talk or vote
 - Please speak into microphone so people listening on Zoom can hear
 - ⌘ Five-year review of the Highway Sustainability Research Center
 - Select faculty member and alternate for the committee during New Business
 - ⌘ Revisiting the Policy on Blended Learning
 - Will be reaching out to original committee members and others who have taught blended learning to see if they will serve
 - ⌘ LARTS renovation forum
 - ⌘ Special elections will be starting in December to fill vacant seats on the Senate and the General Education committee
- Committee Reports
 - ⌘ By-Laws Committee (Doug Roscoe)
 - Developing a Process or Procedure for No Confidence

- Feedback for the Committee through the discussion board on the myCourses site
- Intended to create more weight vis-a-vis the Administration or the President's office
- Proposed Stages
 - Petition – Statement of reason & Required Number of Signatures from the relevant College or School (full-time faculty and benefitted part-time lecturers)
 - Steering Committee Review – Confirmation the petition has been received and is acceptable
 - If majority of faculty from relevant unit has signed, then petition considered certified
 - If the minimum, then Steering Committee must vote to certify
 - Senate Review – Presentation of the petition, opportunity for the administrator to provide a rebuttal, and a vote to proceed is conducted online
 - Faculty Vote – Vote online by faculty in relevant unit, requires two-thirds votes to pass
- Discussion on the proposed procedure/process
- ⌘ General Education Committee (Matthew Sneider)
 - Received three new course approvals which were approved
 - This year's tasks
 - Reapproval of courses in 2A & 2B
 - 43 courses to review
 - Discussion of possible changes to the transfer substitution policy
- Invited Guests
 - ⌘ Update on Move to Microsoft Authenticator (Holger Dippel)
 - Robust discussion
 - ⌘ Updates on Capital Planning (David Gingerella)
 - Environmental Health and Safety
 - New Assistant Vice Chancellor: Bob Segura
 - Renovations Across Campus
 - Improvements to the digital infrastructure
 - Updates on green initiatives
 - Robust discussion about mobility and infrastructure
- New Business
 - ⌘ Announcement of upcoming events
 - ⌘ Five-year review of Highway Sustainability Research Center
 - Faculty member selected: Alexis Teagarden and Steven Cadrin (alternate)
- Unfinished Business

- ⌘ Guideline on the Use of Generative AI
 - Motion to recommend (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Christopher Eisenhart)
 - No discussion
 - Vote – Motion passes: All Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
- ⌘ Statement on Academic Freedom
 - Motion to recommend (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Saeja Kim)
 - Motion to remove the footnote (Christopher Eisenhart) and seconded (Chad McGuire)
 - Discussion/Debate
 - Motion to close debate (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Firas Khatib)
 - Vote – Motion passes: None opposed
 - Vote – Motion passes: 2 oppose, 4 abstain
 - Vote to approve amended statement
 - Motion to approve (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Firas Khatib)
 - Vote – Motion passes: 0 oppose, 0 abstain
- Provost's Report (Ram Bala)
 - ⌘ Update on open house and enrollment numbers
 - ⌘ Upcoming events
 - Faculty recognition event
 - Blue & Gold Weekend
 - OUR hosting first student symposium
 - ⌘ Mid-semester Progress Reporting – over 50% in all colleges
 - ⌘ Continued expansion of student success initiatives
 - ⌘ Discussion about student retention
 - ⌘ Discussion about Authenticator
- Motion to adjourn (Shari Evans) and seconded (Firas Khatib)