

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2025

3:00-5:00pm

Grand Reading Room

Members present:

	Present		Present		Present
Achilov Dilshod		Eisenhart Christopher		Mehrtens Cristina	
Alves Heloisa	X	Evans Shari	X	Mofford Kari	X
Anguelov Nick	X	Fair Meghan	X	Moisander Pia	
Arkerson Robin	X	Fields Keota	X	Msangi Ziddi	X
Arora Anupama		Fisher Robert	X	Mulnix Jennifer	X
Ayotte Brian	X	Fletcher Megan		Neto Catherine	X
Berggren Heidi	X	Franz Laura		O'Rielly Grant	X
Bhowmick Sankha		Gardner Catherine	X	Owens Lisa	X
Boone R. Thomas		Gelmi Caroline		Pacheco Sonia	
Borim Dario		Heffernan Lorraine	X	Peltz-Steele Richard	X
Botvin Joshua		Huang Rui	X	Peteva Elena	X
Bowman Julie	X	Hunter Revell Susan	X	Rai Bharatendra	X
Bromage Erin		Jackson Kristopher	X	Revell Andrew	
Cai Shuowei	X	Kayumova Shakhnoza		Rioux Amanda	X
Caldera Kathryn		Khatib Firas	X	Roscoe Douglas	X
Casero Eric	X	Kim Saeja	X	Santavicca Nicholas	X
Chang Wencheng		Kish Robin	X	Scarano Frank	X
Clark Jennifer		Lanza Cait		Schuler Monika	X
Clinton Christopher	X	LeSeure Peeranuch		Shea Timothy	X

Cowles	Geoffrey		Lohrenz	Steven		Silby	Mark	
Curran	Catharine	X	Lubinsky	Crystal	X	Silva	Glaucia	X
Darst	Robert	X	Lynch	Devon	X	Sneider	Matthew	X
Dawe	Megan		Manke	David		Tandon	Amit	
DeLuca	Katherine		Manning	Kenneth		Turcotte	Heather	
Dempsey	Anna	X	Mayes	Maricris	X	Wilson	Mary	X
Drew	Margaret		McGuire	Chad	X	Wood	Emma	X
Eckert	Maureen		McHenry	Kristen	X	Xing	Liudong	

10 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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- Call to Order at 3:06pm
- Approval of April minutes
 - ☞ Motion made (Glaucia Silva) and seconded
 - No amendments, additions, or opposition – Motion approved
- President's Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - ☞ Changing meeting format for next year: hybrid
 - More user-friendly and increased flexibility
 - ☞ Welcome new senators
 - New Senator orientation – Fall
 - ☞ Thank you
- Committee Reports
 - ☞ By-laws (Brian Ayotte)
 - Motion A: Rename Student Activities to Campus Engagement Committee
 - Purview: Identify opportunities to enhance campus culture, support events and programs, strengthen campus and campus identity
 - Made (Eric Casero) and seconded (Monika Schuler)
 - Motion B: Make the Facilities Committee a standing committee
 - Made (Grant O'Rielly) and seconded (Christopher Clinton)
 - Motion C: Change all instances of College of Nursing to College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 - Made (Frank Scarano) and seconded (Monika Schuler)

- Motion D: Change all instances of Full-Time Lecturer to Teaching Professor
 - Made () and seconded (Devon Lynch)
 - Motion E: Codify the election of the Associate Representative to the Board of Trustees
 - Made (Christopher Clinton) and seconded (Eric Casero)
 - Motion F: Change or modify the role of the Secretary – adding the responsibility of acting as a liaison between the President/Steering Committee and all of the Senate committees
 - Made (Monika Schuler) and seconded (Lorraine Heffernan)
- ⌘ Facilities (Nathan Rubien)
 - Goal: Creating opportunity for faculty and staff to talk about and express their concerns with facilities-related issues on campus
 - Working to establish sub-committees revolving around teaching space, research, infrastructure, and safety
 - Will be scheduling listening sessions throughout the semester
- Unfinished Business
 - ⌘ Fresh Start Policy (formerly known as Grade Amnesty Policy)
 - Second reading
 - Motion to amend wording to match the language on the website
 - Made (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Christopher Clinton)
 - Motion passes - Vote: 0 Abstain | 0 No | All Yes
 - Motion to recommend change from Grade Amnesty policy to Fresh Start policy
 - Motion passes - Vote: 0 Abstain | 0 No | All Yes
- New Business
 - ⌘ Upcoming events: Commencement
 - ⌘ Joint Statement/Petition with Faculty Federation to uphold values of higher education
 - In draft stage
 - ⌘ Ad hoc Committee on First Year Grading
 - Purview: Investigate different plans and alternatives that have emerged recently on 1st year classes
 - Presentation of findings at the November meeting
 - Email to go out asking for volunteers to serve
 - ⌘ Candidate Statements
 - ⌘ Awarding of Professor Emeriti
 - Michael Anderson
 - Dana Fine
 - Anna Klobucka
 - Steven Lohrenz
 - Theodore Powers

- Provost's Report (Ram Bala)
 - ☞ Enrollment numbers
 - Update on current undergraduate deposits compared to previous years
 - Update on graduate enrollment numbers
- Motion to adjourn (Sherri Evans) and seconded (Firas Khatib)
 - ☞ Meeting adjourned at 4:06pm