



Faculty Senate 2020–2021

MINUTES: May 12, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

H. Ferguson, Chair; K. Friestad, Recording Secretary

Present: H. Ferguson, A. Bosman, R. Gatton, K. Friestad, A. Galeniece, A. Coria-Navia, G. Gregorutti, A. von Maur, J. Lim, D. Nowack, D. Covrig, L. Sabas, B. Magaud, S. Alexander, M. Jones-Grey, S. Badenas, M. Keller, S. Marques, E. Wiles, V. Corredera, D. Habenicht, G. Chi, R. Stefanovic, J. Markovich, K. Reiner, B. Henry-Saturne

Regrets/absent: L. Pittman, T. Shilling, D. Penno, A. Rosenthal, D. Myers

Guests: C. Arthur, L. Carroll, K. Bailey, W. Hucks, L. Stallard

Votes & Actions taken (numbers [n] represent items on original agenda)

[2] Minutes of prior Faculty Senate Meeting

MOTION: VOTE passed. To approve the minutes as presented (K. Friestad). Votes: 23 Yes

[4] Council/Committee Reports (A. Bosman)

Voted to approve and Seconded: 21 Yes votes

Undergraduate Council: (04/07/2021 Minutes): Guest student policy updates from the UGC Academic Policy subcommittee. Lynelle Weldon presented the updated ACE requirements for the Associate of Technology and Associate in Applied Sciences degrees, as well as the in-progress ACE pathways initiative.

Graduate Council: (3/03/21 Minutes): Issues concerning international students; Spring graduation services; Summer 2021 discussions including travel, vaccinations, and shifting of programs to remote or online options.

Academic Operations and Policy Council: (none)

Faculty Policy & Development Council: (none)

LearningHub Ad Hoc Committee: (none)

Liberal Arts Council: (none)

Race and Justice: (none)

Senate Discussion & Announcements

[1] Worship & Prayer: (H. Ferguson)

[3] ETLC & CTL Updates (A. Coria-Navia)

[5] Fall 2021 Planning (C. Arthur)

Provided an update regarding the recent gift that allows for a FT Innovation director position (the search committee is being put together currently). For Fall 2021, the plan is to reopen for the fall and lift the COVID-19 protocol; question re. masks, social distancing, guest speakers, etc.: We are making that projection on the premise that 70-80% of our students are vaccinated (precedent set by the CDC); if we meet that threshold then we meet the standard for community immunity. Once we reach this threshold we can also bring guests to campus and have classrooms at full capacity. Part of the discussion included bringing in and engaging with, supporting minority students. Is Thanksgiving break still in the picture, and traditional fall break: yes, that is the planning right now (they are checking with sister institutions). We would have the right to choose to continue to wear masks. We will not be offering COVID-19 tests, but will offer vaccination clinics in the fall. Are there any Zoom classes, asynchronous or synchronous? We (administration) are not going to strongly encourage that you (faculty) do like we did for Fall 2020, it will be left up to deans and departments, if they want to keep going with zoom courses, but the university will not require that expectation. Are the travel rules going to be relaxed? Dr. Arthur: Domestic, relaxed, international--look at the CDC for which areas still have the virus worse than others; persons who are not vaccinated, the university will put restrictions

on university funded travel for those individuals; Field trips: students and employees will have to show proof of vaccination as part of the restrictions. The phone application for reporting symptoms has not been discussed yet. There are exceptions based on certain programs that require travel that need to be considered. Will we be having a conversation regarding the resources that were pulled back like administrative assistants, budget cuts, etc.? Do we have a sense of a timeline for replenishing resources? Dr. Arthur: sometime over the summer towards Fall the deans and faculty will be engage regarding a reasonable timeline for lifting the restrictions on resources. There will possibly be all employee meetings over the summer for more questions (this Q&A ran for an hour).

[6] Faculty Senate Officer Elections

New Officers:

Chair: Heather Ferguson, returning chair

Vice Chair: Meredith Jones-Gray

Executive Secretary: Kari Friestad

Parliamentarian: Roy Gatton

Communications Officer: Anthony Bosman

Roster of Faculty Senators for 2021-2022

1. Diane Myers
2. Silas Marques
3. Twyla Smith
4. Kari Friestad
5. Max Keller
6. Vanessa Corredera
7. Meredith Jones-Gray
8. John Markovich
9. Duane Covrig
10. Heather Ferguson
11. Anthony Bosman
12. Roy Gatton
13. Garth Woodruff
14. David Nowack
15. Ranko Stefanovic
16. Lucile Sabas
17. Janine Lim
18. Michelle Bacchiocchi (updated October 21, 2021)
19. Kenley Hall
20. Anna Galeniece
21. Grace Chi
22. Daniel Gonzalez
23. Betty Gibson
24. Duane Habenicht
25. Bordes Henry-Saturne
26. Ryan Orrison
27. Karen Reiner
28. Andrew von Maur
29. David Penno
30. Eriks Galeniaks (updated September 14, 2021)

[7] Strategic Planning Subcommittee (Heather)

What they wanted to bring to the administration as they worked on the new strategic plan. Resilience, mission coherence, access: teaching and greater access to resources; design and redesign of current academic spaces and technology, healthy infrastructure. Moving to becoming a more accessible campus for students with disabilities.

Next Faculty Senate meeting: September 15, 2021