



Faculty Senate 2021–2022

MINUTES: December 15, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

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

Present: H. Ferguson, K. Friestad, A. Bosman, R. Gaton, G. Woodruff, A. Galeniece, D. Covrig, M. Bacchiocchi, B. Saturne, K. Reiner, T. Smith, M. Keller, J. Lim, E. Galeneiks, R. Stefanovic, R. Orrison, V. Corredera

Regrets/absent: D. Penno, A. von Maur, D. Nowack, M. Jones-Gray, L. Sabas, J. Markovich, D. Myers, S. Marques, D. Gonzalez, B. Gibson, D. Habenicht, K. Hall, R. Stefanovic

Guests: C. Arthur, A. Thorpe, L. Weldon, T. Shilling, A. Coria-Navia,

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: passed

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

Voted to approve and Seconded: passed

Undergraduate Council: (11/01/21)

Program changes were voted; Admissions Committee update: test optional (ACT and SAT); Transfer Block Policy

Graduate Council: (none)

Academic Operations and Policy Council: (none)

Faculty Policy & Development Council: (9/20/21)

Liberal Arts Council: (none)

Race and Justice: (none)

Senate Discussion & Announcements

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

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

Provided an update on upcoming events for Spring 2022; Faculty Book Club, AUTLC grants (deadline upcoming).

[5] New UG AA and AS Block Transfer Policy (A. Bosman)

Discussion regarding new Block Transfer policy; intention to make the process more transfer-friendly for transfer students coming to AU; the policy directly affects AA and AS students (not others); Anthony gave the example of the Michigan Transfer Agreement, which asks for students to complete 30 credits of general education courses that generally follow the MTA in order to satisfy the general education package at universities who participate in this agreement. Members of the Academic Policies subcommittee were invited, included Dr. Thorpe and Tammy Shilling (chair of UGC). Dr. Thorpe acknowledged the transient nature of current students, which also includes a shoppers mindset or they might have limited resources and are looking for the best deal or just want to finish. They might also want to pursue a graduate program (plans after the undergraduate level). The process for transfer students would still

require articulation because of cognates that are required per program based on that program's specific requirements. For credits, while credits can be different, all students transferring in will have to meet credit requirements as well as admissions requirements and grade standards. Grade standards: Anthony brought up the potential for variation in grade standards, including a D level grade, and suggested further clarification on grade standards, such as a C-. Suggestion from Anthony: how do we make a transfer policy that opens the doors without lowering standards; suggestions for language for a revised policy, including mentioning a C- grade minimum. The question was raised about how old transcripts could be and whether that was a current policy or not. Motion made to recommend this edit and send back to UGC. 15 yes votes.

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[6] Classroom Visitation Discussion (H. Ferguson)

Heather introduced the topic of classroom visitation, for instance your chair visiting your classroom and how that should be handled in various situations; we had a varied discussion regarding the power dynamics and issues that could potentially arise with unannounced visits to classrooms, and how such visits could impact classroom atmosphere and culture. We discussed if there was a policy and if a policy was needed.

Recommendation made to check with the Academic Records regarding their training updates; the training manual for chairs by Dr. Arthur was also brought up and that colleagues need to know about this resource and that the chairs have access to it. No motion was made. The training manual for chairs will be brought to the next meeting.

[7] Rankings Taskforce Ad Hoc Committee Update (A. Bosman)

Nominated names: Anthony Bosman, Gus Gregorutti, Gary Burdick, Jerry Chi or Lucille Sabas, Cedric Vine or Boubakar Sanou, Dr. Bea Ade-Oshifogun or Padma Uppala. Motion passed.

[8] Open Enrollment Update

Update regarding changing the date for open enrollment (Benefits); the date will not be changed.

[9] Social Committee Senate Rep: Twyla Smith

Next Faculty Senate meeting: January 19, 2021