

Faculty Senate Minutes
For: 8/14/2023 at 3:30 p.m.
Mulder 302

Members Present: Jennifer Innerarity (Parliamentarian), Missy LaBorde, Beverly Alwell, Rusty Gaspard, Sona Kumar, Julie Gill (President), Matthew Stokes (secretary), Carol Corbat (Vice President), Guiyi Ke, Cynthia Thomas

Members Absent: Hal Langford, Kerry Ordes, Debbie Wood, Purujit Gurjar

Guests Present: Cole Franklin, JiaLin Lei, Holly Wilson, Lisa Bradford

Call to Order: At 3:30 pm a quorum was established and the meeting was called to order.

J. Gill mentioned that over the summer some structural changes were made that might affect senate representation. We may need to hold some votes. History representation will be eliminated and will now be in college of Liberal Arts and will be in the newly formed Department of English, History, and Humanities. Disaster Management and Political Science will join with Criminal Justice to form the Department of Criminal Justice, Political Science, and Disaster Management.

J. Gill said when looking at the constitution and bylaws, they make accommodations for the addition of a department but they do not address the deletion or combination of departments. As a Senate, do we need to vote to move forward with an amended constitution and bylaws that recognizes the new organization structure? M. LaBorde cautions that such a change would require a vote from the Faculty Council.

Discussion ensued. Senate acknowledges that though the constitution and bylaws do not address the merging or deletion of departments, the Senate recognize and acknowledge that administration has restructured departments. In light of these changes to the organizational structure, Senate will acknowledge the changes to the current listing of departments within the bylaws. Therefore, the Senate and its affiliated committees will no longer have a member of the now deleted HPDS department.

Old Business:

PS 207 Ad hoc committee. This committee was not deleted at the end of the spring 2023 semester after conversations with administration ended regarding the adoption of the PS 207 modification. The committee did not provide minutes and thus abide by the Constitution and bylaws of the Senate.

C. Corbat noted that administration did not acknowledge the creation of this committee and therefore we are dissolving a committee that never existed.

J. Innerarity made a motion to delete the PS 207 ad hoc committee.

C. Thomas seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

Faculty Senate Travel, Research, & Field Trip funds '23/24

Senators were asked to please bring suggestions and recommendations to update the application to the next Senate meeting.

Update RE Revision of Policy Statements

PS 202 (A&B)

Senators were asked to request feedback regarding the proposed PS 202 modification presented by the ad hoc committee to begin discussions by the next Senate meeting.

C. Corbat stated that her department feels like the Senate has not given them enough time to review and make recommendations. They feel like they should have the opportunity to meet multiple times for proper discussions. J. Gill agreed with the concern.

PS 245

Administrative Committees List

The updated 2023-24 list was sent to faculty and staff during July 2023. As per the Board of Supervisors rules and regulations, the Faculty Council has the ability to elect two faculty members to represent them on the Chancellor's Cabinet. J. Gill requested that all recommendations/nominations be sent to her by Wednesday, August 16th at noon.

CurricuLog Update

C. Corbat stated that CurricuLog will go live on September 1, 2023. Trainings will be offered for deans and department chairs within the next two weeks. The curriculum piece is not complete, as anticipated and those changes will still need to be submitted via paper.

J. Gill thanked C. Corbat for her role in CurricuLog.

Introduction of New Business

J. Innereratiy has agreed to serve as acting chair for the Department of Criminal Justice, Political Science, and Disaster Management, so she will vacate her position on Faculty Senate. The 2023-2024 Senate will need to vote on a new parliamentarian at the first meeting of the semester.

Treasurer: Chancellor's Funds have been transferred to the Faculty Senate. As per the Constitution and ByLaws, Senate has the ability to elect a treasurer for the oversight of these funds. The 2023-2024 Senate will need to decide on whether or not they wish to move forward with this position.

J. Gill acknowledged B. Alwell's assistance with the oversight of the funds for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Announcements/Looking Ahead:

Next meeting: August 22, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Pats on the Back:

- K. Lachney congratulated Dr. Beverly Alwell on the completion of her terminal degree over the summer.
- Blackwell acknowledged Sid Lemoine for his assistance with the construction noise last semester as classes approached finals.
- L. Beard recognized Bernard Gallagher for his continued work on the annual Cavanaugh Lecture series
- M. LaBorde thanked Carol Corbat for her work with CurricuLog

Departmental accomplishments:

C. Corbat stated that the Biology Department held its first summer session of undergraduate research which was a part of a BOR departmental enhancement grant. Seven students paired with faculty members to complete intensive research over the summer.

Adjournment:

J. Gill motioned to adjourn

M. LaBorde seconded the motion

Vote: 10-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm

Faculty Senate Agenda
August 14, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.
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- I. Welcome and Determination of quorum
- II. Approval of minutes
- III. Brief guest updates
- IV. Report of President
- V. Reports of Committees
- VI. Old business
 - PS 207
 - PS 269
 - Faculty Senate Travel, Research, & Field Trip funds '23/24
 - Chancellor's Funds updates
 - Update RE Revision of Policy Statements
 - PS 202 (A& B)
 - PS 245
 - Administrative Committees List
 - CurricuLog Update
- VII. Introduction of new business
 - Change in Organization Chart/Departments
 - Treasurer
- VIII. Announcements/Looking ahead
 - Next meeting: August 22, 2023 at 3:00p
 - Please send *Pats on the Back* to Julie and/or share at Senate Meetings
 - Departmental accomplishments
- IX. Adjournment