

Faculty Senate Minutes
For: April 19, 2022

Members Present: Beverly Alwell, Deborah Wood, Matthew Stokes, Purujit Gurjar, Richard Elder, Rusty Gaspard, Sarah Barnes, Tanya Lueder, Carol Corbat, Jennifer Innerarity, Melissa LaBorde, Julie Gill, Kerry Ordes

Guests Present: John Rowan, Cynthia Thomas, Jim Rogers

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:18pm

Minutes:

There were no minutes to approve.

Brief Guest Updates:

Report from Provost:

J. Rowan stated that the university is in the midst of hiring season and there should be 12 faculty positions to be filled.

He reported that Brittany Soden has been hired as the new SPERO Director. The program is looking for student peer mentors who will be paid to help with the SPERO students. Ms. Soden's office will be located on the 3rd floor of Mulder and the office/program will be moved to the Library upon completion of construction.

J. Rowan also reported that feedback on the two Assistant Vice Chancellor positions will be accepted through Friday.

J. Rowan also stated that the Board of Regents is updating policies which includes dual enrollment and prior learning experiences. He also stated remedials will no longer be offered and certain courses will have co-requisites.

T. Lueder asked about 1st session Summer courses starting during spring 2022 finals week and the fact that there are more 2nd session courses than 1st session courses. J. Rowan discussed options and stated that we (Faculty Senate and administration) can propose/discuss future options.

President's Report:

M. LaBorde submitted an electronic report to the committee.

Committee Reports:

Courses & Curricula:

M. LaBorde talked to Department Chairs regarding correct and accurate C&C paperwork to aid in the process of moving documents through the system.

3.28.22

M. Stokes made a motion to receive the minutes.

R. Elder seconded the motion.

Vote: 13-0-0

HIST 3999 – addition

M. Stokes made a motion to accept the addition of HIST 3999.

D. Wood seconded the motion.

Vote: 13-0-0

BGS Aviation Management – modification

AVIA 2220 modification to AVIA 2230 (an incorrect number was included on the original paperwork) and courses included in the original degree plan were moved to the “Electives/Concentration” sections.

C. Corbat noted that three courses are reflected as deleted (AVIA 1002, 3150, 4150), but the courses were not deleted from the catalog and were only deleted from the BS modification.

J. Gill moved to return the recommendation for BGS Aviation Management to C&C for their review and clarification.

D. Wood seconded the motion.

Vote: 13-0-0

BS Math – modification

The modification removed Computer Science since Computer Science will be a new degree.

C. Corbat moved to table the BS Math modification as the BS Computer Science was returned as reflected in the December 2021 minutes.

D. Wood seconded the motion.

Vote: 13-0-0

MATH 1018 – modification

T. Lueder made a motion to accept the MATH 1018 modification.

D. Wood seconded the motion.

VOTE: 13-0-0

Associate of Science in Nursing – modification

The modification would allow MATH 1018 to be taken as a General Education Math course instead of MATH 1021.

D. Wood made a motion to accept the ASN modification.

T. Lueder seconded the motion.

VOTE: 13-0-0

Constitution and By-Laws Ad-hoc Committee:

4.4.22 and 4.6.22

M. Stokes made a motion to receive both sets of minutes.

S. Barnes seconded the motion.

VOTE: 13-0-0

Old Business:

Keyra Wagner is working on a Moodle site to enroll all faculty for the Constitution and By-Laws document review and vote.

New Business:

Constitution and By-Laws:

The Ad-hoc committee submitted a final document with three proposed considerations. The attempt of the new Constitution and By-Laws is to align with the August 2021 academic structure.

The three options are as follows:

1. offer new Senate seat for Department Chairs/Directors to allow for representation. The position would be for a one year term and the elected individual could not serve consecutive terms (approximately 23 eligible members).
2. allows for Department Chairs/Directors to vote at the department level for their Senator.
3. leave draft as is and Department Chairs/Directors are not allowed to vote and have representation.

T. Lueder stated that she would like to see option #3 not voted on.

J. Rogers stated that options #1 & #2 is representative the feedback received by the committee during the process of rewriting the document.

T. Lueder made a motion to remove option #3 from consideration.

M. Stokes seconded the motion.

C. Corbat asked why there was a need to remove the option and that all options should be given in the vote.

VOTE: Yes: 8
No: 3
Abstention: 2

Majority vote removed option #3 from discussions.

Faculty Senate deliberated on options #1 and #2.

R. Elder moved to vote on which option would be included in the final draft.

D. Wood seconded the motion.

Vote: 11 for Option #2
2 for Option #1
0 Abstentions

Majority vote supported option #2.

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that this meeting is 30 days until graduation. C. Corbat pointed out a significant change with the new Constitution and By-Laws: Quorum of Faculty Council to approve amendments to the constitution and she pointed out other minor errors/typos.

J. Gill asked about hosting several open forums throughout the 30 day period to answer any questions or address concerns of faculty. M. LaBorde stated that the Ad-hoc Committee was amenable to the meetings and also gave a reminder that each Faculty Senator can assist in answering questions, if needed.

D. Wood moved to receive the Constitution and By-Laws ad-hoc committee's proposal with the Option #2 as the correct wording.

T. Lueder seconded the motion.

VOTE: 13-0-0

P. Gurjar made a motion to send the final document, upon completion of all editorial changes, to the Faculty Council.

T. Lueder seconded the motion.

VOTE: 13-0-0

R. Elder stated that there must be a 2/3 of the Faculty Council membership to vote.

M. LaBorde stated that she would confer with the Ad-hoc committee to set dates for the Open Forums.

J. Rowan stated that Open Forums may not be helpful as people who go to him thought that the forums were needed throughout the process. J. Gill stated that they would be helpful if faculty had questions/concerns.

Announcements:

Pats on the Back: Keyra Wagner for her support during the process. Jim Rogers for his hard work and dedication as the Secretary for the Ad-hoc committee. Jeff Massey in Financial Aid for his assistance with a concern.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be May 3rd at 3:00pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.

D. Wood made the motion to adjourn.

S. Barnes seconded the motion.

VOTE: 12-0-0