

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, March 22, 2021

1. Chair Nathalie Singh-Corcoran called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Committee members and guests participated via videoconference.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Hauser, D.	Reed, M.	Veselicky, L.
Bastress, R.	Hileman, S.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Wayne, S.
Di Bartolomeo, L.	Martucci, A.	Sowards, A.	
Elliott, E.	Nutter, R.	Steele, J.	

Members Absent:

Cottrell, L.	Murphy, E.	Vanderhoff, J.
Gee, G.	Sowards, A.	

Guests:

Becker, K	Germana, M.	Pfeifer, A.	Thomas, R.
Brugnoli, A.	Latimer, M.	Shannon, R.	Widders, E.
DeBastiani, A.	Neidermeyer, P.	Slimak, L.	
Gavin, M.	Patrick, A.	Staples, C.	

2. Chair Singh-Corcoran presented for approval the minutes from the February 22, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
 - Vaccines will be administered March 25th, for employees who are 40 and older, at the old Sears building. Currently there are more vaccines available for faculty and staff than those that have expressed interest. If no more faculty and staff members express interest, the vaccines will become available for those ages 30-39.
 - Graduate students will be eligible to apply through the community site as “essential workers” in order to be able to receive the vaccine.
 - She provided an update on the legislative session. Currently the government relations team is reviewing the campus carry bill as well as the soda tax bills. Please visit the Under the Dome web page for updates.
 - Commencement is scheduled as in person at the stadium rain or shine with social distancing and tickets will be available. The University has developed guidance for limited capacity events on campus during the remainder of the spring semester. Please see What to Do If: You’re Planning an Event on the Return to Campus web site.
 - The Office of the Provost is looking to expand the Faculty Emergency Child Care Relief fund for the summer.
 - Talent & Culture is looking to receive faculty input on allowing 9-month salaries to be spread over 12 months.

- Undergraduate registration for Summer and Fall terms are underway. There are several seniors taking advantage of the upcoming Maymester term.
- 95% of faculty and instructors turned in Spring midterm grades, which represents the highest submission rate ever. This allows us to reach out to students who are struggling and connect them with appropriate resources.
- She met with Faculty Leadership on March 18th to discuss academic transformation. She assured the committee that they will present their information to faculty who may be impacted and those impacted will have a chance to respond. They will present their findings prior to any recommendations to the Board of Governors and it will not be in the middle of the summer when faculty is not on campus. They are still gathering and analyzing data on the Program Review process.

4. Chair Singh-Corcoran reported the following:

- There was a low level of participation for the Eberly nomination ballot. She, Emily Murphy, Ashley Martucci and Judy Hamilton met on March 12th, to discuss the ballot data and ways to improve participation in the future. They plan to review other universities' election processes to see if there are any ideas they wish to adopt.
- We had a successful workshop on Student Engagement on March 15. There were about 30 participants. We only had a 25% response rate to our satisfaction survey, but all of the respondents indicated that the workshop was helpful.
- TorchStar and Evan Widders will be presenting at the May Faculty Senate meeting to discuss Student Success initiatives – those initiatives are part of Academic Transformation. David Attis from EAB will be presenting at the April Faculty Senate meeting, also as part of our Academic Transformation initiatives.

5. Jennifer Steele, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, presented the following reports for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 11-0.

Annex I, New Courses Report
 Annex II, Course Changes Report
 Annex III, Capstone Courses Report
 Certificate in Early Childhood Administration
 Program Changes to the BA in Geography

The following reports were submitted for information. Reports filed.

Changes to the Minor in Arts Management
 Annex IV, Graduate Programs Report

6. Lisa Di Bartolomeo, Chair of the General Education Foundations Committee, presented the following report for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 11-0.

Annex V, GEF Actions

7. Dave Hauser, on behalf of Jessica Vanderhoff, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, reported that the committee continues to work on on-going projects.

8. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that the Governor announced that anyone ages 16 and older are eligible for the vaccine. The ACF met with Delegate Paul Espinosa during their last meeting. He believes we need to pay attention to finance issues. He suggested committee members look at a developing website, wvcheckbook.gov, to see where and how money is being spent throughout the state.
9. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on February 10, 2021. The Board approved a rule change for BOG Talent and Culture Rule 3.4 (Drug and Alcohol Testing for FTA and FMSCA Covered Positions). The Board met on March 5, 2021 to review finances and contract renegotiation. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2021.
10. Dave Hauser presented Annex VI, Resolution to the Faculty Senate committee on Educational Technology. Motion carried by a vote of 11-0.
11. Chair Singh-Corcoran presented Annex VII, Results of Faculty Senate Election for information. Report filed.
12. The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, April 26, 2021.

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