Faculty Senate Minutes

Monday, November 29, 2021

 4:00-5:30 pm

*Senators Present:*Alma Rosa Alvarez, Melissa Anderson, Amy Belcastro, Jeremy Carlton, Anne Connor, Brian Fedorek, Andrew Gay, Kristin Hocevar, Rachel Jochem, Jesse Longhurst, Christopher Lucas, Merrilyne Lundahl, Matt Moreali, Anna Oliveri, Michael Parker (OCA), Michael Parker (STEM), Jessica Piekielek, Mark Siders, Ellen Siem, Michael Stanfill, Chad Thatcher, Lisa Wileman, Kemble Yates

*Senators Absent:* Jackie Apodaca

*Guests:*  Sue Walsh, Lee Ayers, Linda Schott, Monica Benton, Sherry Ettlich, Pavlina McGrady, Denial DeNeui, Terry Longshore

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm

1. 4:00 pm Welcome new senator and winter term meeting announcement

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* New OCA senator! Welcome to Jackie Apodaca.
* Winter term meetings will continue to be held on Zoom.
* Last meeting with President Linda Schott; President Richard Bailey will start Jan 15th.

1. 4:05 pm Approval of Minutes from 11/15/2021

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* Motion to Approve Minutes (Andrew Gay) → Seconded (Ellen Siem): **Approved**
  + 19 Vote to Approve: Alma Rosa Alvarez, Amy Belcastro, Jeremy Carlton, Brian Fedorek, Andrew Gay, Rachel Jochem, Jesse Longhurst, Christopher Lucas, Merrilyne Lundahl, Matt Moreali, Anna Oliveri, Michael Parker (OCA), Jessica Piekielek, Mark Siders, Ellen Siem, Michael Stanfill, Chad Thatcher, Lisa Wileman, Kemble Yates
  + 1 Abstain (if you were not here): Kristin Hocevar
  + Anne Connor and Michael Parker (STEM) arrived after the vote

1. 4:10 pm President’s Report – **Linda Schott**

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* Zooming in from Texas
* Thank you for the amazing going away event
* Formal signing event with the Klamath Tribes has finally occurred. They wanted to wait until this could be in person, but they did it virtually today. The cabinet attended the Klamath tribal council meeting. We presented them with a blanket and Sue Walsh has a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding.
* The board commented on the large number of curricular innovations we have implemented over the past few years. They are noticing and appreciative of our work.
* Tues Dec 7th, there will be a webinar with an update on our financial status. Enrollments and implications on our budget. There should be no surprises.
* The board will appoint Provost Walsh to be the acting President between when President Linda Schott leaves on Dec 31st and President Richard Bailey starts on Jan 15th. Linda says she will be available during that time in case of emergency.
* Anyone in San Antonio is invited to visit Linda!

1. 4:15 pm Provost’s Report – **Sue Walsh**

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* Sue requests it to be quiet during the two weeks she is Acting President during the transition.

1. 4:20 pm  Advisory Council Report – Chair-elect **Brian Fedorek**

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* Discussed transition to Dr. Bailey being president: should we invite him in AC or Senate before Jan 15th? Decided we should wait until he is on contract because that is fair. He may feel very obligated to attend before he is on contract if we invite him.
* Decided that Winter term Senate meetings will be on Zoom.
* Discussed the upcoming Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS) election
* Provost Walsh gave a Social Science director search update: search committee has been moved forward to President Schott for approval
* Budget Committee Nominees (4 faculty) selection planning, should senate vote or should AC select?
* General Education, like always these days
* This is a light agenda this week. If there are things that your division wants the Senate to talk about, or if you are not feeling heard, EMAIL MELISSA! Keep your elected senate chair in the loop. You can cc or bcc her on emails in addition to sending her direct correspondence.

1. 4:25 pm ASSOU Update – **Monica Benton**

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* Updating student bylaws and focusing on committees
* Still looking for students to participate, these positions are posted on Handshake
* Help spread the word about the ASSOU survey they are running (closes Jan 15th)
  + <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fJQiLOKfBH1I0NsTsQe0iKvWOzZ1nQkWvoy1G8voBvs/edit>

1. 4:30 pm SLES Update – **Melissa Anderson**

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* Student Learning Experience Survey launches tomorrow
* Courses with less than 5 students are not supposed to be evaluated, but there are caveats here that were not expected. Joint 400/500 courses with only one student in the 500 level CRN were evaluated. There is no anonymity, but maybe faculty still want feedback...
* All the surveys were coming out at the same time regardless to the end of the course
  + Now it's Updated: You're going to get the survey 10 days before the course is done and it's going to end two days after the course is done.
* Remember you have to reflect on the SLES in your FPAR. They are planning to add a specific box in activity insight for the FPAR so this is not easily overlooked.
* Question from Amy Belcastro: Can education courses with 7 week terms have more timing? This has already been addressed a little, but timing can be adjusted as we grow into this SLES model.
* Response rates are low. Giving time in class for the evaluation can boost response rate. At least bring it up and remind your students via email.
* Students (Monica Benton) think the time frame is too short for them to do the evaluations. They want to be able to do the evaluations after they are done with classes and finals; when they have had time to reflect on their experience.

1. 4:35 pm Distinguished Faculty Awards Update – **Melissa Anderson**

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* Date has been extended, December 10th, to give people a little bit longer
* Talked to Chris Stanek about using Activity insight, buts too complicated to be feasible
* Sending it back to Faculty Development Committee, how can we streamline this?
  + Can we use Google Forms? Workflow application in Box?

1. 4:40 pm New Curriculum and Major Proposals – (Vote)

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* Motion to Approve Curriculum (Kemble Yates) → Seconded (Andrew Gay): **Approved**
  + 21 Vote to Approve: Alma Rosa Alvarez, Amy Belcastro, Anne Connor, Brian Fedorek, Andrew Gay, Kristin Hocevar, Rachel Jochem, Jesse Longhurst, Christopher Lucas, Merrilyne Lundahl, Matt Moreali, Anna Oliveri, Michael Parker (OCA), Michael Parker (STEM), Jessica Piekielek, Mark Siders, Ellen Siem, Michael Stanfill, Chad Thatcher, Lisa Wileman, Kemble Yates
  + 1 Abstain: Jeremy Carlton

1. 4:45 pm Gen Ed Model Credit Options and Prefix Restrictions – **Andrew Gay**   
   (Discussion and possible votes)

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* Discussion started by music who wants to offer their 1 credit ensemble to non-music majors for GE credit.
* Motion to Approve 1 and 2 credit GE capacity courses to be developed in the upper-division, but with a restriction that students will not be permitted to take more than 4 credits from any single course prefix or in any single GE capacity (Andrew Gay) → Seconded (Chad Thatcher): **Approved**
  + 20 Vote to Approve: Amy Belcastro, Jeremy Carlton, Anne Connor, Brian Fedorek, Kristin Hocevar, Rachel Jochem, Jesse Longhurst, Christopher Lucas, Merrilyne Lundahl, Matt Moreali, Anna Oliveri, Michael Parker (OCA), Michael Parker (STEM), Jessica Piekielek, Mark Siders, Ellen Siem, Michael Stanfill, Chad Thatcher, Lisa Wileman, Kemble Yates
  + 1 Vote Not to Approve: Alma Rosa Alvarez
  + 1 Abstain: Andrew Gay
* Motion to Approve the removal of major “double-dipping” restrictions from the new GE model and replace it with a disciplinary course prefix cap of 4 credits per prefix in the lower-division and 4 credits per prefix in the upper-division (Andrew Gay)
  + Motion to make an amendment to the motion (Anna Oliveri), changing prefix cap of 4 credits per prefix in the lower-division and 4 credits per prefix in the upper-division to instead set the course prefix cap at 4 credits per prefix across the entire GE
    - * Motion to **TABLE** until the next meeting (Kemble Yates) → Seconded (Andrew Gay): **Unanimously Approved**

10) 4:55 pm Announcements/New Business

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* None!

11) 5:00 pm Adjourn

Meeting adjourns at 5:38 pm