



General Faculty Senate Meeting

Time: 11:00 am 12:15 pm

Minutes

1/20/2022

In attendance:

Dinesh Pinisetty, Elizabeth McNie, Colin Dewey, Matthew Fairbanks, Keir Moorhead, Tamara Burbach, Margaret Ward, Mike Holden, Ariel Setniker, Ali Moradmand, Christine Isakson, Wil Tsai, Ryan Wade, Nipoli Kamdar, Steve Browne, Frank Yip, Kitty Luce, and guests.

1. Call to Order

- *Moorhead motioned to approve the agenda, Fairbanks seconded. Agenda approved by unanimous consent.*

2. Minutes Approval

- 1/6/2022 Senate meeting minutes were reviewed. Senator Browne motioned to approve, Vice Chair McNie seconded. *1/6 minutes approved by unanimous consent.*
- 12/16/2021 Senate meeting minutes were reviewed. Senator Browne motioned to approve, Vice Chair McNie seconded. Senator Kamdar indicated she was abstaining from the vote. No objections. *12/16 minutes approved by unanimous consent.*

3. Senate Chair Announcements

Chair Pinisetty outlined upcoming dates and deadlines that are important to faculty. These were primarily concerned with RTP evaluations, but also included the possible Day of Dialogue dates, which are 3/15, 3/16, 3/22, or 3/23.

Dean van Hoeck mentioned in chat that there are 4 student members on the Day of Dialogue organizing committee.

Chair Pinisetty stated that an email will go out regarding the application process for awards of assigned time for exceptional service to students (as outlined in the CBA). Details will be included in email.

Chair Pinisetty noted the reform task force survey that went out to Senators from Senator Tsai. Deadline for Senators to submit feedback from their constituencies is upcoming at the end of the month. Senator Tsai will resend the link to the form be sure everyone got it.

4. Senate Committees Discussion Vice Chair McNie

- Vice Chair McNie is surveying faculty to do an annual census on faculty service as well as compensated faculty positions.
- Vice Chair McNie noted that Senate Exec is recruiting for the International Experience Oversight Senate committee and the Budget Oversight Senate committee. These are in the by-laws. We need faculty to serve and also write the policies for those committees.
- Continuing – we need 1-2 more members on the Student Evaluation Task Force for this semester. Its purpose to take a close look at the student evaluation process that occurs at the end of each semester and make improvements.
- *If anyone is interested in any of these positions, please reach out to Vice Chair McNie.*
- Gender Equity Committee is an ad hoc Senate committee, led by Julie Simons until she went on sabbatical. The Committee is currently working on getting a final report on campus gender equity issues from the TNG consultants.
- *The proposal is to make a standing committee (JEDI).* We would need 2-3 faculty for membership and policy drafting.
- Secretary Fairbanks indicated his support for the establishment of the committee. It's of clear importance. His only worry is whether staffing this new standing committee would be difficult given the number of other committees that are currently unstaffed.
- Chair Pinisetty also indicated his support. He wants to be sure the mission of the Committee is stated so that it is sustainable into the future, at least 3-5 years.
- Senator Browne noted that the by-laws would need to be amended.
- The floor was opened for non-Senator comments:
- AVP Graham Benton thought it was a good idea, but noted the existing DEI Council on campus. He would want

