



General Faculty Senate Meeting

Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Minutes

12/15/2022

In attendance:

Ali Moradmand, Ariel Setniker, Christine Isakson, David Satterwhite, Elizabeth McNie, Frank Yip, Kitty Luce, Margaret Ward, Matthew Fairbanks, Mike Holden, Nipoli Kamdar, Ryan Storz, Ryan Wade, Sarah Senk, Tamara Burback, Wil Tsai, Nick Lewis, Mike Strange, and guests.

1. Call to Order

- Chair McNie called the meeting to order.
- *Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Tsai, seconded by Secretary Fairbanks. Agenda approved by unanimous consent.*

2. Minutes Approval

- *11/17/2022 minutes were reviewed. Senator Tsai motioned to approve as edited, Senator Holden seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.*

3. Senate Chair McNie's Report

- Chair McNie called attention to the recent LA Times article that reported on instances of sexual harassment, homophobia, and transphobia on campus, and that Faculty Senate representatives are drafting a letter to the campus community in response. She said it will be ready for review later today. Senators will be asked to review it and give their up and down vote by email.
- Regarding the upcoming appointment of an interim President the Senate Executive thinks that we as a Senate need to take a position on what we as a faculty want in an interim President. She briefly outlined some of the issues Senate Exec has discussed and that we need an agent of change in this crucial moment in the history of our institution.
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4. Vice Chair Senk's Report

- The Senate will run an election to replace the very hardworking Keir Moorhead. She will be reaching out to the ET Department in the near future.
- Vice Chair Senk outlined the proposed changes coming to the Senate by-laws, noting in particular the adjustments to the Sea Training and IE committees ó shifting them to a more ad hoc status. This is being done partially due to the difficulties in staffing the committees and also in response to adjustments in these programs from the University.
- McNie said (and Keir from chat) that Strange has been elected to Senate. Congrats!

5. Provost Schroeder's Report

- Provost Schroeder said that the technology revision for classrooms has been funded by the Hqwpf cvkqp0 " Vj g{øg" nqknpi "v" f q" y j ole thing at once rather than piecemeal. More information to come.
- She noted CommUNITY Day, which is currently set for 2/23. A half day is the proposal. She vj kpmi" k" y qpø" dg" uweeguuhwi" kh" y gtg" k upø" c" hcewM" eq-chair for the planning committee. She encouraged folks to step forward to fill the role.
- Provost Schroeder also addressed the LA Times article. She first noted her work experience as a Title IX officer. She emphasized that there are limitations to what the University can say regarding these issues because of the confidentiality rules for Title IX. She also reiterated the message that if anyone found the article or discussion triggering, then please take advantage of campus resources.
- Senator Yip asked about the inclusion center and specifically its budget or apparent lack thereof.
- VP Kathleen McMahon responded vj cv" vj g" lpenwukqp" egpvt" ku" dgkpi " uw r qtvgf " y kj " ENF ø" qj gt" budgets because the budgeting was already done for the year at the time of its planning and creation. Vj g" lpenwukqp" egpvt ø" dwf i gv" will be a line item going forward.

6. Sabbatical Policy – Second Reading

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- GWAR previously could be satisfied by a course or an exam. The Registrar's Office has removed the exam option post-COVID. We need a campus wide policy for how to deal with that.
- The Curriculum Committee is probably the place where courses could be designated as GWAR or not. But we also need a policy for what qualifies as a GWAR course. CC policy is currently be drafted.
- Secretary Fairbanks asked if the Registrar gave any guidance on what courses might qualify. Answer: No, unfortunately, not really.

10. CAPS Report

- Ian Wallace, Director of CAPS, is here to speak with us.
- He acknowledged the recent and tragic deaths of 4 Maine Maritime students and noted resources available

- If faculty know students who want to learn a language and go abroad, please tell them to talk to him.
- One award has a deadline of 2/1, \$25,000, no GPA minimum.
- Another award has March and October deadlines. No GPA min.
- Great opportunities. Lots of funding opportunities. Chris Chiego wants to help with applications, so please send students to him!
- Ona Schafer ó can this fund regular campus IE? Answer - Boren award cannot, Gilman award can.
- Chris Chiego is working to get more info out on these awards and programs. Earlier is better for starting the application process.
- Kamdar ó how are you disseminating this information? Chiego or something and also send to the student email list.
- Josie Alexander offered to coordinate and maybe get some food to drive engagement with events.

13. Tutoring Report

- Senator Satterwhite asked whether Canvas could be used by anyone in the spring semester. Teoh said yes, Canvas is live, PeopleSoft is integrated already. Senator Satterwhite - so students y qwf pø'ugg'vj g'Dtki j wr ceg? Answer - P q.'vj g{ø'g'lp'r ctcmgñ so both will be visible.
- Senator Satterwhite - where is the schedule of trainings? Cpuy gt<"Kø"qn the Academic Tech website and a link will be shared.

15. VPCD McMahon Presenting on Career Services and the Commandants Office

- Our Director of Career Services left on short notice.
- Jen Schmid has agreed to fill in for about three months while a search is run.
- Interim Dean Dinesh Pinisetty is chairing the search. Vj gtgø'dggp"i ood feedback from alums apf "lpf wux {"qp'r gqr ng'kp'vgt guvfg "lp'vj g'r qukkqp0"Kø'i qlpi 'y gm'vj wu'hct0
- There have been two failed searches for a Title IX coordinator. Kø'c"xgt {"ki j v'o ctngv'hqt" people with these skills. A national search firm is helping with this search now.
- The hope is to have candidates in January and the position filled by March.
- The search firm is also helping with the Career Services director hire. Candidates on campus in February for that position if all goes well.
- Commandants office staffing is challenge. We lost all 3 deputy commandants. Jimmy Moore was hired, but the company commandant position has been posted for a long time and the pool has not been a good fit for the position. Vj g{ø'e committed to trying to hire