

FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2023

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on April 26, 2023 at 3 p.m. in MITC 201 and on the TEAMS platform, Vice Chair Robert Detmering presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Cohn, Robert Detmering, Jose Fernandez, Kathleen Gosser, Karen Hadley, Candace Harrington, Patrick Harris, Chin Ng

ALSO ATTENDING

Michael Cunningham, Cherie Dawson-Edwards, Becky Patterson, Shannon Rickett

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Roy Fuller, David Schultz, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Sherri Wallace

CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEM: MARCH 15 & MARCH 22 MINUTES APPROVAL – DETMERING

The March minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT: STUDENT GOVERNMENT - SEBASTIAN

There was no report.

REPORT: STAFF SENATE - PATTERSON

This report was made last week. There were no updates.

REPORT: AAUP – CUNNINGHAM

AAUP has a number of percolating issues. One that will probably be coming to this group concerns the need for clarification on the procedures and transparency of the selection of interim administrators.

REPORT: FACULTY SENATE CHAIR – MUELLER

Chair Mueller reported that he has been attending the interviews for the Vice President for University Advancement. He announced that Dr. Schatzel will hold a listening session at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **TOTAL ECLIPSE – MUELLER**
The committee was not enthusiastic about pushing the administration to change the calendar for the event in 2024.
- **LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE – RICKETT**
Ms. Rickett updated the committee on the results of both the House and Senate bills that were presented in the current legislative session.
- **CHAT GPT: NEXT STEPS - MUELLER/DETMERING**
Committee Chair Detmering reported that ChatGPT had been discussed at the ULAA's Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) meeting. That committee's attached draft proposal was developed using ChatGPT. Discussion centered around the need to develop a committee that can develop a policy on the greater issue of the ethical use of artificial intelligence, not only ChatGPT. After some discussion. Senator Pat Harris made a motion that the provost form a

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university-wide committee to develop best practices in the ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) in academic programming in academic endeavors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Academic Programs Committee (APC) – Harrington**
 - This committee will present two certificate proposals and one proposed program closure at the May meeting.
- **Committee on Committee & Credentials (CCC) – Gosser**
 - The ballot is ready for next month’s election and most open committee seats have a candidate.
- **Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) – Fuller**
 - There was no report.
- **Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) – Harris**
 - This committee is reviewing the program closure and will have it ready for the May meeting.
- **The REDBOOK & Bylaws Committee (RB) – Cohn**
 - This committee received the revisions on the A&S unit documents and is waiting to receive the Libraries unit documents.

OLD BUSINESS

At last week’s meeting, a discussion took place on A&S’s upcoming policy that will no longer allow full time hourly staff to teach in A&S. This was mentioned to the provost and she will follow up with it. Dr. Dawson-Edwards said she will also meet with General Counsel and HR for clarity, because there are other units where hourly staff can teach with a different contract.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Committee Chair Detmering reminded senators that the May 17th meeting will begin early at 2:30, and will be held in the Ekstrom Library’s room W104. President Schatzel will hold a listening session for the Executive Committee.
- The May 24th meeting will also be held on the Ekstrom Library, in room 117A. Mr. Byron Terry, Director of the LGBTQ Center will be the guest.
- On June 21st, Dr. Beth Willey will attend and present on Micro Credentials and Badges.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
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