

FACULTY SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2021 TIME: 3:00-5:00 PM SITE: CHAO AUDITORIUM/ONLINE TEAMS

CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEM: COMMITTEE ELECTIONS - JEMIAN

Senator Rebecca Jemian, chair of the Committee on Committees & Credentials read through the ballot to fill various committee vacancies.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the recording](#) at minute 0.50

PRESENTATION: SERVICE RECOGNITION – SCHULTZ

The Faculty Senate presented a gift of appreciation to Dr. Beth Boehm for her steady leadership as interim provost and for continuing during the first year of the pandemic.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the recording](#) at minute 6.27

REPORT: STUDENT GOVERNMENT – MEZA

Ms. Meza reported on several topics.

- SGA Week is coming up next week with activities planned for each day.
- If any faculty offer courses with an internship or new classes she is willing to promote directly to students.
- SGA will offer a headshot event for students.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the recording](#) at minute 7.45

REPORT: STAFF SENATE - LEWIS-KLEIN

The Staff Senate report is linked above.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the recording](#) at minute 10.5

REPORT: FACULTY SENATE CHAIR - SCHULTZ

Senate Chair Schultz reported on the highlights in his report, which is linked above.

- Covid Coordinating Committee – Currently, the overall campus vaccination rate is now nearly 86% and hats off to the students because they are leading the charge.
- Covid Advisory Committee – This committee has resumed meeting. It is the combined committee of the faculty and staff executive committees.
- Booster Shots - A lot of people are interested in that. We are waiting to hear from the CDC, and that decision might be coming in October.
- Human Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) – Please let faculty in your unit know that we all will be receiving new Anthem ID cards in the mail. They may be arriving in unmarked envelopes, so be aware and not throw it out thinking it is junk mail.
- Book Adoptions - Book adoptions are due by October 15 and must go through the Follett system. Please remind faculty in your unit.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the recording](#) at minute 14.09

REPORT: UNIVERSITY PROVOST – GONZALEZ

Dr. Gonzalez reported on several items.

- Vaccination Rates - As of yesterday, faculty rates were 82.1% staff 82.7% and students at 86.1%. This month we will have a drawing for students with prizes they can win if they are vaccinated.
- Combined Committees – The COVID Contingency Planning and the Academic Planning had many people in common and was repetitious. We combined those and will continue meeting with that larger group.

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- Enrollment – Last month, it was reported that our budget was built on the expectation from the colleges that we would increase our enrollment by 200 students. We were actually down 194 students. That puts us at 394 less students than how we developed our budget. We are working with the colleges to keep students for the spring semester.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the recording](#) at minute 17.38

REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION – GARDNER

Dr. Gardner updated the Senate on activities in research.

- Celebrating Research – It is really important to celebrate whatever comes out of research. Sometimes that's a commercial product or a way that we impact the world around us as a university.
- Agreements - We have 482 agreements and those are memorandums of understanding. They are material transfer agreements, data use agreements, all these types of things that demonstrate our broad engagement with other academic institutions, private sector companies, NGOs and so on.
- Licensing Agreements Menu – In order to simplify the agreement process with companies, we've got a simple menu of three different options that that a company could choose from. It is a really important part of working with the university. We want to be a university that the state or business in the community they will know how to find the expertise that they need.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the recording](#) at minute 1.36.09

ACTION ITEM: CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ED.S. / BUDGET – HADLEY

Senator Hadley, chair of the Academic Programs Committee, introduced Dr. Shelley Thomas and Dr. Jennifer Bay-Williams, the program proposers from the College of Education. The proposal and its budget are linked above.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the recording](#) at minute 33.12

REPORT: COACHE FACULTY SURVEY - EELLS/NASRAOUI

Dr. Tracy Eells and Dr. Olfa Nasraoui presented the results of the COACHE survey, which is linked above.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the recording](#) at minute 56.32

REPORT: FACULTY GRIEVANCE OFFICER – POWELL

Professor Cedric Powell presented the annual Faculty Grievance Officer report that is linked above. He reported on the grievance process and the five grievances that were filed over the past year.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the recording](#) at minute 1.27.53

ACTION ITEM: SENATE STATEMENT OF COVID-19 CAMPUS RESPONSE – MUELLER

Dr. Eugene Mueller, vice chair of the Faculty Senate presented a statement developed by the Executive Committee regarding a vaccination mandate. The statement is linked above. After a brief discussion, a vote resulted in favor of supporting the statement.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the recording](#) at minute 1.52.27

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES – Committee reports are linked below. As the meeting was running overtime, no additional comments were made.

- ACADEMIC PROGRAMS - HADLEY
- COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES & CREDENTIALS - JEMIAN
- [EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE](#) - MUELLER
- PART-TIME FACULTY - FULLER
- PLANNING & BUDGET - HARRIS
- [REDBOOK & BYLAWS](#) - DETMERING

OTHER REPORTS

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- [COSW REPRESENTATIVE](#) - NASRAOUI
- [FACULTY ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE \(FAR\)](#) - WALLACE-BOAZ
- [ULARP REPRESENTATIVE](#) - WISE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
Senate Coordinator