

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**February 9, 2021**

Present: Chrobak, Cortes, Dilkes, Fonkem, Fuller, Heath, Herzberg, Jurmu, Kim, Krueger, Lancaster, Loewenstein, Manning, Matson, Otto, Palmeri, Panske, Scribner, Short-Meyerson, Stojilovic, Stuart, Szydlik, Tirel, Wagoner, Weglarz, Wren

Excused:

Absent: Cotti

Administration Representative:	John Koker
Senate of Academic Staff Representative:	Laura Smolinski
University Staff Senate Representative:	Lisa Goetsch
Oshkosh Student Association Representative:	Austin Hammond
Access Campus Report:	Michael Jurmu/Carrie Tirel/Teresa Weglarz

Guests: Carmen Faymonville, Nicholas Ambrose, & Julie Thyssen

**Minutes in Brief**

At the February 9, 2021 meeting of the Faculty Senate, reports of the Senate of Academic Staff, University Staff Senate, OSA, and Access Campus were given, and the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting were approved. Updates about the administration of the SOS were given by the Director of Testing Services. A draft response to the Provost considering the Instructional Academic Staff Working Group Recommendation was discussed. Action items included APC Forms C, a program review for COB - Interactive Web Management, and bylaws from the following departments: Women and Gender Studies Program, Mathematics, and Public Administration. These items were approved. The Bylaws Committee shared a committee Report, and President Scribner provided an update from the Provost's Administrative Staff, Chancellor's Administrative Staff, System Shared Governance, Board of Regents, and Conference on Shared Governance meetings. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

President Scribner called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

- I. Guest: Nicholas Ambrose & Julie Thyssen – SOS Updates  
Testing Services worked with the Faculty Senate's Improvement of Instruction Committee to create a process to add departmental level questions to the survey. Testing Services is happy to report that they had a response rate of 47% last fall overall. Technical challenges related to administration of the survey continue to be addressed. Julie Thyssen provided a visual overview of the dashboard and how data that is collected via Qualtrics is presented. Guests answered questions and collected feedback from Senators. President Scribner thanked them both for joining the meeting and for all their work.
- II. State of the University
  - A. Senate of Academic Staff (Smolinski) – Their January meeting was brief; it entailed a committee appointment to an upcoming search and screen, as well as a discussion about their response to the IAS working group recommendations.
  - B. University Staff Senate (Goetsch) – Their January meeting was also brief; they had no business, but did have Provost Koker share Academic Updates. They have already canceled their February meeting for a lack of business.
  - C. OSA (Hammond) – Their first meeting was held last week. They will be working on reestablishing voting rights, budget updates, and shared that UWO GO is up and running. They are thrilled to have a few new Senators already as well.
  - D. Access Campus: (Jurmu/Tirel/Weglarz)

1. Fond du Lac: Senator Jurmu reported that they have been working on committees to fit both their campus and joint committees. Student government is going well and it's nice to see more students coming back to campus.
2. Fox Cities: Senator Tirel reported that they are looking at old policies and determining which of their committee need to be local become joint as well.

III. Minutes of December 8, 2020  
The December 8, 2020 minutes stand approved as distributed.

IV. Unfinished Business – None

V. New Business/Action Items

A. Bylaws [*In One Drive for Senators*]

1. Women and Gender Studies Program Bylaws
2. Math Bylaws
3. Public Administration

**MOTION: Lancaster/Tirel moved to approve revisions to all three sets of bylaws. 23 Yes. Passed**

**FS 2021-22 The Faculty Senate approved revisions to the following Bylaws: Women & Gender Studies Program, Mathematics, and Public Administration.**

B. APC – Forms C [*In One Drive for Senators*]

1. COB: ECON – Analytics Majors addition, ECON475
2. COLS: ENGR TECH – Renewable Energy Cert.
3. COLS: ENGR TECH – Electronics Cert.
4. COLS: ENGR TECH – Electronic Communication Cert.
5. COLS: ENGR TECH – Automation Cert.
6. COLS: Kinesiology – Strength & Conditioning Major
7. COLS: MATH – Teaching Emphasis, expand course list for fulfillment of 3 credit requirement
8. COLS: Art – Course deletions
9. COLS: Art – Change credits required for minor from 24 to 21

**MOTION: Lancaster/Szydlik moved to approve the APC – Forms C. 25 Yes. Passed**

**FS 2021-23 The Faculty Senate approved the following Forms C: 1) COB: ECON – Analytics Majors addition, ECON475; 2) COLS: ENGR TECH – Renewable Energy Cert.; 3) COLS: ENGR TECH – Electronics Cert.; 4) COLS: ENGR TECH – Electronic Communication Cert.; 5) COLS: ENGR TECH – Automation Cert.; 6) COLS: Kinesiology – Strength & Conditioning Major; 7) COLS: MATH – Teaching Emphasis, expand course list for fulfillment of 3 credit requirement; 8) COLS: Art – Course deletions; 9) COLS: Art – Change credits required for minor from 24 to 21.**

C. APC -Program Review - COB Interactive Web Management

**MOTION: Lancaster/Loewenstein moved to endorse the APC Program Review – COB Interactive Web Management. 24 Yes. Passed**

**FS 2021-24 The Faculty Senate endorsed the APC Program Review – COB Interactive Web Management.**

VI. Discussion Items

- A. Instructional Academic Staff Working Group Recommendation Response – President Scribner reminded Senators of the work over the past couple years and the two main

issues: Voting Rights and the voice of IAS at Faculty Senate. The draft response that was shared with Senators was created by the executive committee after communicating with SAS leadership. Senator's discussed the draft text, provided feedback, and made a suggestions for revisions. The Executive Committee revise the response and bring it to Senate for consideration at the next meeting.

## VII. Committee Reports

- A. Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Senator Stuart shared an update using PowerPoint with the Senate that covered: Fall 2020 activity, Spring 2021 activity to date, and Spring 2021 goals.
- Fall 2020 Activity: Developed workflow for unit bylaws revisions, caught up on handbook changes related to prior to bylaws approvals, and worked with COLS Faculty Committee on path forward for COLS backlog.
  - Spring Activity (now): Recommending approval of bylaws for several COLS departments today; putting forth guidance on bylaws updates needed for new SOS and faculty annual review policies, and guidance on standardization of unit-level (mostly department) bylaws organization and language.
  - Spring Activity (later): Work with departments on necessary revisions; recommend Senate approval as departments finalize updates; and consider components of next referendum to update Faculty Constitution (more later): empowerment for cosmetic changes, alignment of Department Chair election and approval process with actual practice, and incorporation of voting rights resolutions as needed.

## VIII. Information Items

- A. USP Items [*In One Drive for Senators*]
1. Revised Syllabus Review Process
  2. Explore Syllabus Checklist
  3. Comm 111 & WRT 188 Syllabus Checklist
  4. Ethnic Studies Syllabus Checklist
  5. Global Citizenship Syllabus Checklist
  6. Quest I Syllabus Checklist
  7. Quest II Syllabus Checklist
  8. Quest III Syllabus Checklist
  9. Process for waiving the GC requirements for veterans who served overseas

## IX. Items from Members - None

## X. President's Report

- A. Provost Administrative Staff – The following items were reported on at their last two meetings: Replacing positions as needed following the volunteer retirements, academic plans and academic structure updates, a report on the incomplete policy, new registration dates for fall, and enrollment expectations.
- B. Chancellors Administrative Staff – Enrollment is up a bit for freshman and this is positive news, updates on vaccines and testing planning, and Aggie Hanni gave an update on Kings educations (international students). Our 150-year celebration activities this year will be coming this fall as planned, and VC Fletcher shared a financial update (our CFI Indicator is up, but we remain mindful that we are an enrollment-driven campus). Damira Grady shared updates on Black History activities in February, and Women's History month in March.
- C. Conference on Shared Governance – They continue to meet weekly, and are discussing the creation of an all-university Sustainability Committee, as well as a Strategic Planning committee.
- D. System Shared Governance Meeting – They discussed the program and curriculum review and approval procedures at different campuses; the desire for institution-level feedback in the administrative evaluation of Chancellors; and renewed efforts to

include shared governance voices and representation in the next System President Search.

E. Board of Regents Meeting – updates shared via the Faculty Senate website blog.

**MOTION: Lancaster/Chrobak moved to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. Passed**

April Dutscheck,  
Recorder