

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
April 14, 2020

Present: Bentivenga, Chrobak, Clark, Cortes, Cotti, Dilkes, Feldman, Fondrie, Herzberg, Jurmu, Krueger, Lancaster, Loewenstein, Manning, Matson, Mott, Panske, Pereksta, Scribner, Short-Meyerson, Stuart, Szydlik

Excused: Baltutis, Corley Schuhart, Stojilovic, Heath

Absent: Edwards

On Leave: Fuller

Administration Representative: Provost Koker

Senate of Academic Staff Representative: Andrew Miller

University Staff Senate Representative: Sue Jaeke

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Zack Debroux - absent

Guests: Carmen Faymonville

Minutes in Brief

At the April 14, 2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate, reports of the Senate of Academic Staff and University Staff Senate were given. The minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting were approved. A committee appointment and APC Forms C were approved. Discussion items were related to Covid-19 Temporary Academic Policies and Continuity of Instruction Planning. Committee reports included the Faculty Senate final elections report and an update from the Improvement of Instruction Committee. Information items included a USP course and a resolution on Covid-19-related policy for pass/fail grades that the executive committee had previously approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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

President Scribner entertained a motion to amend the agenda.

MOTION: Fondrie/Manning moved to move the grading options resolution from the information section of the agenda to the action items section. Passed Unanimously

I. State of the University

A. Senate of Academic Staff (Miller) – Highlights included: Their election results will be announced at their meeting this week, and they approved the updated bylaws.

B. University Staff Senate (Jaeke) –No report, they meet tomorrow.

C. Oshkosh Student Association (Debroux) – Highlights included: Excused

D. Access Campus (Jurmu) – Highlights included: They had their first Collegium meeting virtually and it went well. The discussion for search and screen to consider inclusion of access campus was held again, and they are planning to have the AAS degree coming through for approval before the year is out.

II. Minutes

The March 10, 2020 minutes stand approved as distributed.

III. Unfinished Business - None

IV. New Business

A. Committee Appointment – USP- COB: Denise Robson (Spring 2020 term)

MOTION: Jurmu/Cotti moved to approve the committee appointment – USP-COB: Denise Robson (spring 2020 term).

**FS 1920-40 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointment: USP-
COB: Denise Robson (spring 2020 term).**

B. APC -

I. Forms C

1. **COB: Information Systems - Cybersecurity Certificate**
2. **COB: Information Systems - Cybersecurity Emphasis**
3. **COB: Information Systems -Add residency requirements**
4. **COB: Finance & Business Law -Insurance & Risk Management Certificate**
5. **COB: Marketing - Marketing Analysis & Insights Emphasis**
6. **COB: Economics - Clarify the Econ GPA calculations**
7. **COEHS: Spec & Early Ed. - Accelerated Licensure Program**
8. **COEHS: Spec & Early Ed. -Option within the MSE Spec Ed degree program**
9. **COLS: Biology -Create new MS degree, MS in Professional Science**
10. **COLS: English -Remove ENG581 as required course for all English MA students**
11. **CON: BSN Traditional Option -Remove BIO319 as acceptable physiology requirement**
12. **CON: BSN Accelerated Option -Remove BIO319 as acceptable physiology requirement**
13. **CON: Nurse Scholar Program -Change admission requirements**

MOTION: Lancaster/Herzberg moved to approve the Forms C. 1 Abstention. Passed

FS 1920-41 The Faculty Senate approved the following Forms C: (1) COB: Information Systems - Cybersecurity Certificate; (2) COB: Information Systems - Cybersecurity Emphasis; (3) COB: Information Systems - Add residency requirement; (4) COB: Finance & Business Law - Insurance & Risk Management Certificate; (5) COB: Marketing- Marketing Analysis & Insights Emphasis; (6) COB: Economics - Clarify the Econ GPA calculations; (7) COEHS: Spec & Early Ed. - Accelerated Licensure Program; (8) COEHS: Spec & Early Ed. - Option within the MSE Spec Ed degree program; (9) COLS: Biology - Create new MS degree, MS in Professional Science; (10) COLS: English - Remove ENG581 as required course for all English MA students; (11) CON: BSN Traditional Option - Remove BIO319 as acceptable physiology requirement; (12) CON: BSN Accelerated Option - Remove BIO319 as acceptable physiology requirement; (13) CON: Nurse Scholar Program - Change admission requirements.

C. Resolution on Covid-19-related policy for pass/fail grades, Spring 2020

MOTION: Feldman/Lancaster moved to ratify the approval of the executive committee on the Resolution on Covid-19-related policy for pass/fail grades, Spring 2020, and approve it as a full Senate. Passed Unanimously

FS 1920-42 The Faculty Senate approved the Resolution on Covid-19-related policy for pass/fail grades, Spring 2020.

V. Discussion Items

- A. **COVID-19 Temporary Academic Policies – Updates included: The drop date for classes has been extended to May 14 and suspension and probations will not be enforced this semester.**
- B. **Continuity of Instruction Planning – Provost Koker noted all the great work that has been done in our efforts to use new platforms and engage in alternative delivery methods for our students. They are planning ahead to be able to offer as many online courses for summer as possible, as well as contingently plan for fall in case we need to then as well. Discussion included how to be sure we improve our methods moving**

forward into a new academic year if we need to do so in alternate delivery format. Senators discussed learning from our current experience and possible professional development needs. Canvas tools and options were discussed, as well as course sizes. Senators discussed enrollment and retention concerns and reviewed the tools available through Navigate related to retention efforts. Finally, UW System has indicated that they have a target date of July 15 to make a decision about whether or not institutions will start the fall with on campus instruction.

- C. Call for President-Elect Nominations (President-Elect for 20-21, president for 21-22 & 22-23). Nominations will remain open now until the next meeting. Senator Bentivenga nominated Senator Syzdlik.
- D. Call for Executive Committee member nominations will be made at the next meeting, directly following the President-Elect vote.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Elections Committee – Faculty Senate Final Elections Report:
The following individuals are elected to three-year terms in the Faculty Senate, to begin in September 2020: COESH: Nari Kim; COLS-FAPA: Devin Otto; COLS-Humanities: Tony Palmeri and Robert Wagoner; COLS-Math Science: Carrie Tirel and Teresa Weglarz; COLS-Social Science: Quin Chrobak.
- B. Improvement of Instruction – Update Improvement of Instruction Update – Senator Feldman reported that their committee has nearly completed their recommendation and are hoping to have a pilot run this summer. IOI is working on establishing a method for reviewing and adding departmental questions to the SOS survey. Two members of the IOI committee are serving on the SOS implementation team and are working with the Registrar’s Office and Julie Thyssen, our Qualtrics specialist, on the details and delivery of the SOS.
- C. An Annual Performance review working group continues to meet and consider an annual review process for faculty

VII. Information Items

- A. USP Items courses: (1) Quest I: CJ The Real Criminal Justice System
- B. Resolution on Covid-19-related policy for pass/fail grades, Spring 2020 – Moved to action items.

VIII. Items from Members – None

IX. President’s Report

- A. Provost’s Administrative Staff – They met on March 31st to discuss and review Covid-19-related academic policies and campus updates.
- B. Chancellor’s Administrative Staff – They met on April 13th for reports by university units.
- C. Leadership Council – Enrollment, recruitment, and retention updates were shared; Commencement will be held virtually in May with the option to attend and walk at the December 2020 ceremony; Budget and emergency fund updates were given; and a reminder that the resources offered to students through the Titans Rise Campaign is a great option we have to offer.
- D. Board of Regents Meeting – The Board met in April. The System President Search is moving forward; the student disciplinary policy was approved and goes to the governor for approval next.

MOTION: Lancaster/Clark moved to adjourn at 4:22 p.m.

April Dutschek,
Recorder