

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 9, 2021

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

Excused: Stojilovic

Absent: Cotti, Heath, Fonkem

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, Ian McDonald

Minutes in Brief

At the March 9, 2021 meeting of the Faculty Senate, reports of the Senate of Academic Staff, University Staff Senate, OSA, and Access Campuses were given; and the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting were approved. The discussion items included a proposed Strategic Planning Committee; OSA Draft Electronic Policy; and the Conference Committee. Action items included APC Forms C; Appointments to the Conference Committee; and a committee appointment to the OCE Academic Council. President Scribner provided updates on the following meetings: Provost Administrative Staff; Conference on Shared Governance; Leadership Council; Board of Regents; and the Chancellor's Administrative Staff. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

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

- I. State of the University
 - A. Senate of Academic Staff (Smolinski) – At their last meeting Darry Sims provided an Athletics updates, they approved some committee appointments, and representative Smolinski reminded everyone that faculty are welcome to attend their Senate meetings as well.
 - B. University Staff Senate (Goetsch) – They haven't met since the last Faculty Senate meeting; however, she did report that System has now approved a Regents Outstanding Service Award that will be given to University Staff university annually.
 - C. OSA (Hammond) – Their elections are being held today and tomorrow, with four senators running. They have several resolutions they are working on including the technology usage in classrooms policy, the encouragement of electronic vehicles on campus, and student inclusion on hiring across campus for diversity related positions. The Segregated Fees Committee recently met, the Access Campus OSA has new leadership, and their food drive is up and running.
 - D. Access Campuses (Jurmu/Tirel/Weglarz)
 1. Fond du Lac: Senator Jurmu reported that they continue to work on their governance structure; they recently hired a chemistry faculty member; and their student government is getting campus activities up and running on campus with more folks coming back.
 2. Fox Cities: They are looking over their campus policies and determining which ones need to be integrated with the Oshkosh campus.
- II. Minutes of February 23, 2021
The February 23, 2021 minutes stand approved as distributed.

III. Unfinished Business – None

IV. Discussion Items

- A. Strategic Planning Committee – President Scribner went over the PowerPoint from the Chancellor. It covered the draft stages to the Strategic Plan, and a goal to make the Committee a permanent committee to be sure campus stays focused on the plan. The composition of the committee was then discussed and senators shared input that will be shared with the Chancellor. The idea of smaller working group was recommended that would advise the larger committee.
- B. OSA Draft Electronic policy – OSA Senator McDonald spoke to the policy. He expressed the advantages of students being able to take notes using their electronics with several examples being shared. The feedback he gathered was a bit more hesitant than he expected, as professors, aka Senators, shared the variety of obstacles that come with this usage being requested. So many students do not use the technology as planned, it often leads to distractions, disruptions, enforcement issues. Senators encouraged OSA to think about some different wording and followed up with Senator McDonald with research about learning and taking handwritten notes.
- C. Conference Committee – President Scribner spoke to topics that come up between the shared governance groups. The IAS voting rights has proven to be a great reason to call this committee to formation and action. Senate then discussed the importance of having senators from specific departments serve on the committee to be sure areas of concern have their voice heard. The committee is anticipated to be created and report back to Senate before the semester's end.

V. New Business/Action Items

A. Appointments to Conference Committee

MOTION: Herzberg/Lancaster moved to form the Conference Committee. 20 Yes. Passed

MOTION: Rocio/Panski moved to approve the following Senators to serve on the committee: Senators Tirel, Manning, and Lancaster. 21 Yes Passed

FS 2021-26 The Faculty Senate approved the following senators to serve on the Conference Committee: Tirel, Manning, and Lancaster.

B. Committee Appointment: Online & Continuing Education Academic Council – Don Heath

MOTION: Lancaster/Jurmu moved to approve the committee appointment of Don Heath to the OCE Academic Council. 21 Yes. Passed

FS 2021-27 The Faculty Senate approved the appointment of Don Heath to the Online & Continuing Education Academic Council.

B. APC Forms C

1. COB: Business Skills Certificate
2. COLS: Kinesiology – MS in Athletic Training
3. COLS: Computer Science – Grad Certificate in Data Science
4. COLS: ENGR TECH – Biomedical Engr- New Major
5. COLS: ENGR TECH – Civil Engr – New Major
6. COLS: ENGR TECH – ElecEngr – required course revisions
7. COLS: ENGR TECH – EnvironEngr – required course revisions
8. COLS: ENGR TECH – Mechanical Engr – required course revisions

9. COLS: Math – Update BS degree requirements
10. COLS: Kinesiology – Rehabilitation Science Major elective revisions
11. COLS: Art – add Art 318 – Major/Minor requirement
12. COLS: Sociology – Add Econ 319 elective

MOTION: Loewenstein/Lancaster moved to approve the Forms C from APC. 22 Yes. Passed

FS 2021-28 The Faculty Senate approved the following APC Forms C: (1) COB: Business Skills Certificate, (2) COLS: Kinesiology – MS in Athletic Training, (3) COLS: Computer Science – Grad Certificate in Data Science, (4) COLS: ENGR TECH – Biomedical Engr- New Major, (5) COLS: ENGR TECH – Civil Engr – New Major; (6) COLS: ENGR TECH – ElecEngr – required course revisions, (7) COLS: ENGR TECH – EnvironEngr – required course revisions, (8) COLS: ENGR TECH – Mechanical Engr – required course revisions, (9) COLS: Math – Update BS degree requirements, (10) COLS: Kinesiology – Rehabilitation Science Major elective revisions, (11) COLS: Art – add Art 318 – Major/Minor requirement, and (12) COLS: Sociology – Add Econ 319 elective

VI. Committee Reports –

- A. Program Review Process Revision (APC member to report) – Senator Loewenstein reported that the subcommittee of APC is working with AVC Charlie Hill and they are looking at having a recommendation for approval before the end of the semester.

VII. Information Items - None

VIII. Items from Members - None

IX. President's Report

- A. Provost Administrative Staff - Updates included: Interim is being decoupled starting January 2022, this change will not affect faculty loads. May graduations will be four separate in person ceremonies to ensure social distancing is followed. The COLS Dean search will restart soon. Office of Equity and Diversity updates and Enrollment Management updates were both shared. Plans for Fall 2021 are being shared; they are moving away from high flex completely as courses will be back to in person or fully online, depending departmental decisions. Finally, campus has decided to move forward with a Marching Band, and the search for an Assistance Director of Band will begin soon.
- B. Conference on Shared Governance – They discussed the Conference Committee that came before you today.
- C. UW System Shared Governance Meeting - The report of the University Staff System Outstanding Service Award was shared earlier.
- D. Leadership Council – University Updates from the Chancellor; The Governors capital budget was reported, which included the CLOW improvements; Enrollment Data, Post Census report; and a DEI statement from the office of Finance and Administration.
- E. Chancellors Administrative Staff - VC Fletcher shared budget updates and funding coming through from the CARES act and clarity on its spending.

MOTION: Jurmu/Chrobak moved to adjourn at 4:27 p.m. Passed

April Dutschek,
Recorder