

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**September 21, 2021**

Present: Chrobak, Cole, Cortes, Dilkes, Elannani, Fuller, Jurmu, Johnson, Kim, Krueger, Kurtz, Loewenstein, Manning, Otto, Palmeri, Panske, Stojilovic, Stuart, Szydlak, Tirel, Weglarz, Wagoner

Excused: Heath, Matson, Wren

Absent:

Guests: Carmen Faymonville

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| Administration Representative:              | John Koker           |
| Senate of Academic Staff Representative:    | Laura Smolinski      |
| University Staff Senate Representative:     | Linda Koon           |
| Oshkosh Student Association Representative: | Jacob Fischer        |
| Access Campus Report:                       | Jurmu/Tirel/ Weglarz |

**Minutes in Brief**

At the September 21, 2021 meeting of the Faculty Senate, reports of the Oshkosh Student Association, and Access Campus were given, and the minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting were approved. Action items approved included nominations for an executive committee seat vacancy, the declaration of a vacant seat in COEHS & CON, senate representation to four Senate committees, and several committee appointments. President Szydlak provided updates from the Conference on Shared Governance, Provost Administrative Staff, Chancellor's Admin Staff, and Faculty Representatives meetings. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

President Szydlak called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

- I. Welcome to both our returning Senators, new Senators, and guests. President Szydlak welcomed new and returning senators as we begin our new semester.
- II. Provost Koker – University Updates – Provost Koker welcome everyone back and took a few moments to share that the campus is committed to shared governance as we continue to meet weekly with shared governance leaders. He shared updates related to budget, enrollment and its impact, and one-time and ongoing investments. He then answered questions from Senators.
- III. State of the University
  - A. Senate of Academic Staff (Smolinski) – No report – First meeting will be Thursday
  - B. University Staff Senate (Koon) – No report – First meeting will be Wednesday
  - C. Oshkosh Student Association (Fischer) – They also haven't met yet, but some key issues they have on their agenda include: better cameras and lighting in parking lots, promotion of their student cabinet and involvement in their Senate, and also requesting a larger space in the Multicultural Education Center dedicated for religious ceremonies.
  - D. Access Campus/Collegium
    1. Fond du Lac (Jurmu) – They will no longer have their own bookstore, but gained a food service. It was also reported that Marc Sackman has a band back together! We don't have tunnels.
    2. Fox Cities (Tirel/Weglarz) – They also no longer have their own bookstore, and gained a food service.
- IV. Minutes of May 19, 2021  
The May 19, 2021 minutes stand approved as amended.

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. New Business/Action Items

- A. Nominations to Executive Committee – Member-at-large vacancy  
Senator Palmeri nominated Senator Manning. Senator Wren self-nominated.  
Nominations will remain open until the start of the next meet meeting, followed by electronic voting.
- B. Declaration of vacant seat on Senate – COEHS
- C. Declaration of vacant seat on Senate – CON

**MOTION: Jurmu/Cortes moved to declare the seats vacant. Passed Unanimously**

**FS 2122-01 The Faculty Senate moved to declare a seat vacant for COEHS & CON.**

- D. Committee on Committee Appointments
  - 1. APC – Eric Kuennen (1 yr)
  - 2. IRB – Carmen Heider, Kathleen Wren, & Kirstin Ihde (3 yr)
  - 3. IRB – Denise Robson (3 yr alternate member)

**MOTION: Jurmu/Kurtz moved to approve the committee appointments. Passed Unanimously**

**FS 2122-02 The Faculty Senate moved to approve the following committee appointments: APC-Eric Kuennen, IRB-Carmen Heider, Kathleen Wren, Kirstin Ihde, & Denise Robson.**

- E. Senator representative needed on the following committees:
  - 1. Compensation Committee - Senator Fuller volunteered
  - 2. Elections Committee (3) - Senators Otto, Loewenstein, & Panske volunteered
  - 3. Faculty Advocacy Committee (1) - Senator Cole Volunteered
  - 4. University Studies Program Committee - Dr. Jen Basler has agreed to serve if she is willing to be a Senator. This appointment is to be approved in the future once that is confirmed.

**MOTION: Loewenstein/Manning moved to approve items 1-3. Passed Unanimously**

**FS 2122-03 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointments: Compensation Committee – David Fuller; Elections Committee – Devin Ott, Karl Loewenstein, & Gail Panske; and The Faculty Advocacy Committee – Stewart Cole.**

VII. Discussion Items

- A. Senator Stuart inquired about the working group and listening session on faculty workloads and the feedback gathered. He encouraged others to provide feedback. The approval processes for any changes that could be made to workloads was discussed.

VIII. Committee Reports – None

IX. Information Items

- A. Reminder: Full Senate meetings will be alternating in person and virtual
- B. Faculty Senate Committees – Senators Roles – A discussion ensued related to the duties for each committee and reporting out each year. We would like to be sure these committees are not just reactive, but proactive.

X. Items from Members - None

XI. President's Report

- A. Conference on Shared Governance – This group meets weekly and includes all the shared governance leaders on all three campuses meet to cover current topics.
- B. Provost's Administrative Staff – This group meets monthly and includes Deans, VC's USP leaders, and shared governance leaders. Most recent highlights included: COVID updates (campus rules, mask mandates, vaccinations, and testing); current searches (both on campus and system President); and the Policy on Telecommuting (supervisor role, staff requests, and hope to have staff back in person as soon as we can).
- C. Chancellor's Administrative Staff – This group is very large, it includes the top 100+ roles on campus: All VC's, athletics, Access Campus, Financial, Academics, and a variety of directors. Most recent highlights included: Budget updates, McNair student Posters, MERC furniture upgrades, welcome week for students, Carrier Fair coming soon, Suicide prevention efforts across campus, enrollment updates, UMC and work related to the sesquicentennial events, and the Board of Regents visit coming October 7<sup>th</sup> (which begins the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> with an event called, An evening with Tommy Thompson).
- D. Faculty Representatives meeting – A representative from each campus meets in Madison monthly. This is typically the role of our Faculty Senate President. Most recent highlights included: An upcoming Chancellor search for UW Whitewater, advocating for more faculty in Chancellor searches, Program Array and Enrollments, and strategies for getting vaccination numbers up.

**MOTION: Jurmu moved to adjourn at 4:32 p.m. Passed**

April Dutschek,  
Recorder