

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

February 8, 2022

Present: Basler, Chrobak, Cortes, Dilkes, Elannani, Heath, Hudson, Jurmu, Kim, Krueger, Kurtz, Loewenstein, Manning, Otto, Palmeri, Panske, Stojilovic, Stuart, Szydlik, Tirel, Weglarz, Wren

Excused: Cole, Matson

Absent: Wagoner

Guests: Anne Stevens, Carmen Faymonville

Administration Representative: John Koker

Senate of Academic Staff Representative: Erin McArthur

University Staff Senate Representative: Linda Koon

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Jacob Fischer – absent

Access Campus Report: Jurmu/Tirel/ Weglarz

Minutes in Brief

At the February 8, 2022 meeting of the Faculty Senate, reports of the Senate of Academic Staff, University Staff Senate, and the Access Campus were given, and the minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting were approved. Guests included COLS Dean Anne Stevens for a welcome and introduction. Action items included committee appointments and APC forms C. President Szydlik provided updates from the Faculty Representatives, Conference on Shared Governance, Provost Administrative Staff, Board of Regents, and Leadership Council meetings. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

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

- I. Guest: Darryl Sims – He was unable to attend and rescheduled for the next meeting.
- II. Guest: COLS Dean, Anne Stevens – Welcome and Introduction – Dean Stevens gave a brief background on herself and what brought her to UWO. She declared her support for Shared Governance and asked the Senate to share items they are working on with her. President Szydlik and Senators shared several items: TTC; policy work on reassigned time for faculty research; salary equity; work to be inclusive and equitable in the wake of the restructuring; and the transition of the Handbook to an online policy website.
- III. State of the University
 - A. University Updates – Provost Koker shared that we will invest in three major categories: Facilities (upgrades and repairs, including work on Albee patio); Recruitment (marketing, enrollment management, application conversion rate, etc.); and Mission and Vision (expenditures to allow faculty reassigned time for research). He also noted the ongoing work in Inclusive Excellence and suggested that VC Damira Grady be a future guest at the Senate.
 - B. Senate of Academic Staff (Smolinski) – No report; they meet this Thursday.
 - C. University Staff Senate (Koon) – No report; they meet tomorrow.
 - D. OSA (Fischer) – No report (absent).
 - E. Access Campus/Collegium
 - Fond du Lac: (Jurmu) – They are happy to report sports are happening again on their campus and Collegium meets next week.
 - Fox Cities (Tirel/Weglarz) – Collegium meets this coming Friday.
- IV. Minutes of December 7, 2021
The December 7, 2021 minutes stand approved as distributed.

V. Action Items

- A. Committee Appointments – Gender Equity Council: Gregory Peter – UW Fox & Pam Massey – UW Fox

MOTION: Jurmu/Panske moved to approve the committee appointment of Gregory Peter to the Gender Equity Council. Passed Unanimously

MOTION: Jurmu/Loewenstein moved to approve the committee appointment of Pam Massey to the Gender Equity Council. Passed Unanimously

FS 2122-17 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointments – Gender Equity Council: Gregory Peter – UW Fox & Pam Massey – UW Fox.

A. APC: Forms C

1. COLS: English – add 344 & 346 options for Area A1 & A2
2. COLS: Env. Studies – include 346, 347 and 381 as upper-level electives
3. COLS: Env. Studies – include Anthro/Env. Studies 353
4. COLS: Kinesiology – no double majors
5. COLS: AGC – approve Hmong Studies Certificate
6. COLS: Journalism- add Journalism130 or RTF 130 as electives to the requirement
7. COLS: Journalism-MJ Adv. Emphasis – remove ACEJMC 72 credit requirement
8. COLS: Journalism- Multimedia Journalism – remove ACEJMC
9. Duplicate – Item Pulled
10. COLS: Public Relations – remove ACEJMC 72 cred requirement
11. COEHS: Spec Ed – remove ES requirement from major
12. COEHS: Spec Ed – remove Ed Found 380 from requirement list
13. COEHS: HKHE – delete ED. Lead. 325, Ed. Found. 380 from requirement
14. COEHS: T&L Social Studies – updates to comply with WI DPI requirements
15. Item Pulled
16. COB: ACCT – reduce credits & increase flexibility to complete degree
17. COLS: RTF – Major & Minor Updates

MOTION: Chrobak/Heath moved to approve items: 1-8, 10-12, 14, 16 & 17 of the APC Forms C. Passed Unanimously

MOTION: Manning/Dilkes moved to approve item 13. (13 No) (8 Yes) Item not approved. Senate requests that this item be sent back to APC for reconsideration.

FS 2122-18 The Faculty Senate approved the following APC Form C: (1) COLS: English – add 344 & 346 options for Area A1 & A2; (2) COLS: Env. Studies – Include 346, 347 and 381 as upper-level electives; (3) COLS: Env. Studies – include Anthro/Env. Studies 353; (4) COLS: Kinesiology – no double majors; (5) COLS: AGC – approve Hmong Studies Certificate; (6) COLS: Journalism- add Journalism130 or RTF 130 as electives to the requirement; (7) COLS: Journalism-MJ Adv. Emphasis- remove ACEJMC 72 credit requirement; (8) COLS: Journalism- Multimedia Journalism -remove ACEJMC; (9) Duplicate – Item Pulled; (10) COLS: Public Relations - remove ACEJMC 72 cred requirement; (11) COEHS: Spec Ed – remove ES requirement from major; (12) COEHS: Spec Ed – remove Ed Found 380 from requirement list; (13) *Not approved* (14) COEHS: T&L Social Studies- updates to comply with WI DPI requirements; (15) Item Pulled; (16) COB: ACCT – reduce credits & increase flexibility to complete degree; (17) COLS: RTF – Major & Minor Updates.

VI. Discussion Items –

- A. System Presidential Transition – President Szydlak requested that senators provide feedback on three questions: What are the major issues facing UW campuses and the UW System? What role should the UW System play in addressing each of these issues? and What would you like to see accomplished by the new system president in his first 100 days and first year? Responses will be conveyed to the system-wide Faculty Representatives group and then to UW System and incoming President Jay O Rothman. Feedback included:
- Concerns over a decade of State divestment in the UW System.
 - Concerns about declining enrollment and the resulting competition with two-year schools and Madison
 - Desire for more transparency in decision-making at System
 - Desire for TTC involvement and follow-through
 - A request that any State budget surplus be shared with system schools
 - A request that President Rothman visit campuses to build relationships
 - Concern over centralization of shared services (e.g., IT, TTC)
 - Desire for President Rothman to act as cheerleader and advocate at the State Capital
- B. DFW Rate – Fall 2021 saw unusually high numbers of DFWs in some courses (particularly in freshman classes). Senators discussed Covid transition concerns and student retention. Student support is key. More data is needed for future discussions.
- C. HLC – A visit is scheduled for Spring of 2023. Please be sure to work with Charlie Hill who is leading this effort.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. IOI Committee Update – Senator Jurmu noted that the committee is aware of some technical issues with the new system. Please be patient as they continue to look at ways to improve it. System is looking into one company to provide SOS for all campuses. If you would like the committee or members to come speak to your department, please reach out to him.

VIII. Information Items –

- A. USP Items –
1. ART 220 Q3 – Arts & Sustainability
 2. BIO 26/EGR 119 Q3 – Introduction to Freshwater
 3. English 394 – Multiethnic Literatures: OC
 4. Env Studies 101 – Introduction to Environmental Studies
 5. GEOG 101 – Introduction to Cultural Geography
 6. GLC 232 Q3 – Multicultural Germany
 7. HKHE 211 – Nutrition & Weight Control
 8. Music/AAS 238 – Black Music and American Culture
 9. Music/AAS 239 – African American Gospel Music
 10. Item pulled
 11. GEOG UWX GE 100 – Physical Geography and the Environment
 12. BIO UWX BL 286 – Anatomy and Physiology II
 13. COMM STDS UWX CM 114 – Interpersonal Communication
 14. WGS UWX GS 231 – Sex, Power, and Public Policy
 15. HKHE UWX HE 106 – Lifetime Wellness and Self Growth
 16. GLC UWX SP 236 – Cultures & Civilizations of the Spanish Speaking Americans
 17. Social Work UWX SW 150 – Social Advocacy and the Social Work Experience

- B. Elections Update – President Szydlik shared the schedule for upcoming spring elections: Call for nominations to Access Campuses elections first – February 9th, with nominations due February 18th. Access Campus elections to be held February 23rd & 24th. All-Campus call for nominations goes out March 2nd with nominations due March 16th. Primary Elections to be held March 30th & 31st. Final elections to be held April 6th & 7th.

IX. Items from Members - None

X. President's Report –

- A. Provost Administrative Staff – Provost announced that the Teaching Professor titling series will be created for IAS at UWO; Art Munin reported that the out-of-class letters will now only be vetted absences of three days or more; Swart Hall is under construction. Temporary above-ground streamlines are in use. A recent water leak in Polk may result in some necessary upgrades.
- B. Leadership Council – Interim tuition was paid separately from fall semester tuition for the first time. As a result, student enrolment dropped from about 3500 to 1000 for the interim term. Titan Web updates will be coming soon, and we are piloting the use of 'Academic Planner' through Navigate.
- C. Board of Regents/System Report – System provided more than one million COVID tests to students, staff and the community during the last two years. This is the Wisconsin Idea in action! A System-level leader of diversity position needs to be filled. Faculty lost 7% of their numbers System-wide. The Board of Regents Education Committee has lengthened its suspension of the ACT/SAT for admission through 2024.
- D. Going forward President Szydlik will be attending the Senate of Academic Staff and University Staff Senate meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Dutscheck,
Recorder