

## **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

### **April 26, 2022**

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

Excused: Basler

Absent: Heath

Guests: Druscilla Scribner, Carmen Faymonville, JoAnn Rife, Art Munin

Administration Representative: John Koker

Senate of Academic Staff Representative: Laura Smolinski

University Staff Senate Representative: Linda Koon - excused

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Jacob Fischer - absent

Access Campus Report: Jurmu/Tirel/ Weglarz

### **Minutes in Brief**

At the April 26, 2022 meeting of the Faculty Senate, we heard reports from the Senate of Academic Staff, the University Staff Senate, and the Access Campuses. We approved the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting. Guest JoAnn Rife shared Algoma and Facilities updates, and guest AVC Art Munin provided updates on Out-of-Class notifications and student support. Action items included Forms C from APC, the Policy on Scope of Faculty Responsibilities and Workload, the COB Bylaws, and the elections to the Executive Committee. Senators Wren, Jurmu, Stuart, and Wagoner were elected to serve on the Executive Committee with President Szydlik and President-Elect Manning for the 2022-2023 academic year. Information items included USP items. Discussion included an OSA Resolution on UWO Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week Recognition. President Szydlik provided University updates. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

President Szydlik called the meeting to order at 3:11 pm.

I. Guest: JoAnn Rife – Algoma & Facilities Updates

JoAnn thanked the Senate for having her as a guest. She provided a detailed update of the work on Algoma Boulevard and other construction projects. The following link will take you to the page that provides weekly updates on the Algoma Boulevard project:  
<https://uwosh.edu/facilities/facilities-planning-and-construction/algoma-boulevard-project/>

II. Guests: Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Art Munin – Out-of-Class Notification Updates & Student Support.

AVC Munin shared that there has been a decrease in Out-of-Class letters from the Fall term because of the change in practice in Student Affairs. This spring they only sent letters for documented absences of three days or more. He answered questions about the Accommodate System and talked about what can (and cannot) be shared with instructors regarding student health in relation to their absences. A lengthy discussion included the following topics: student correspondence with professors, the new online system for accommodations, and student behavior and responsibilities. AVC Munin reminded Senators that he welcomes questions and conversation.

III. State of the University

A. Senate of Academic Staff (Smolinski) – AVC Grady shared updates on Inclusive Excellence and Dr. Jennifer Christus provided Strategic Planning updates. SAS still has Professional Development funds, and they encouraged colleagues to apply. Recently elected Senators were named and invited to attend the last meeting of the year.

- B. University Staff Senate (Koon) – Report shared electronically prior to meeting: At their next meeting, May 8<sup>th</sup>, their guests will be Darryl Sims for an Athletics update, and Dr. Jennifer Christus for a Strategic Planning update.
- C. OSA (Fischer) – No Report
- D. Access Campus/Collegium - FOX (Tirel/Weglarz) – No Report
- E. Access Campus/Collegium - FDL (Jurmu) – The Fond du Lac campus has a few faculty vacancies they hope to fill. Their curriculum committee will be prioritizing staff positions. They have an upcoming film festival.

IV. Minutes of April 12, 2022

The April 12, 2022 minutes stand approved as distributed.

V. Action Items

A. APC – Forms C

1. COEHS: T & L – rename the Broad Field Science Major
2. COEHS: T & L – Elem-Middle PEP
3. COEHS: Spec. Ed. Remove Spec. Ed. 705 from requirement, replace with 775
4. COB: Create new Grad. Business Educator’s Certificate
5. COB: Economics – BA/BS International Emphasis revisions
6. COB: Economics – BA/BS Quantitative Emphasis revisions
7. COLS: ENV. STUD. – Create cert. Sustainability & Renewable Energy
8. COLS: ENV. STUD. – Create cert. Sustainability & Social Change
9. COLS: ENV. STUD. – Create cert. Sustainability Communication
10. COLS: ENV. STUD. – Create cert. Sustainability Education
11. COLS: ENV. STUD. – Create cert. Sustainability Leadership in Organizations

**MOTION: Krueger/Panske moved to approve the APC Forms C. Passed Unanimously**

**FS 2122-30 The Faculty Senate approved the following APC Forms C: (1) COEHS: T & L – rename the Broad Field Science Major; (2) COEHS: T & L – Elem-Middle PEP; (3) COEHS: Spec. Ed. Remove Spec. Ed. 705 from requirement, replace with 775; (4) COB: Create new Grad. Business Educator’s Certificate; (5) COB: Economics - BA/BS International Emphasis revisions; (6) COB: Economics - BA/BS Quantitative Emphasis revisions; (7) COLS: ENV. STUD. – Create cert. Sustainability & Renewable Energy; (8) COLS: ENV. STUD. – Create cert. Sustainability & Social Change; (9) COLS: ENV. STUD. – Create cert. Sustainability Communication; (10) COLS: ENV. STUD. – Create cert. Sustainability Education; (11) COLS: ENV. STUD. – Create cert. Sustainability Leadership in Organizations**

- B. Policy on Scope of Faculty Responsibilities and Workload  
President Szydluk covered the most recent updates to the document.

**MOTION: Kurtz/Manning moved to approve the Policy on Scope of Faculty Responsibilities and Workload. Passed Unanimously**

**FS 2122-31 The Faculty Senate approved the Policy on Scope of Faculty Responsibilities and Workload.**

C. COB Bylaws

**MOTION: Jurmu/Krueger moved to approve the amendment to the COB Bylaws. Passed Unanimously**

**FS 2122-32 The Faculty Senate approved the amendment to the COB Bylaws.**

- D. Last Call for Nominations to Executive Committee  
President Szydlik shared the names of nominees received over the past two weeks: Wren, Jurmu, Tirel, Stuart, and Wagoner.  
The bylaws require that we hold the Access Campus representative election first, and then hold elections for the member-at-large seats.  
President Szydlik asked for any last nominations. No further nominations were made, and nominations closed.  
Senate then held an electronic vote.

**Senator Jurmu was elected to serve in the Access Campus Seat. Senators Wren, Stuart, & Wagoner were elected to serve in the three member-at-large seats.**

**These elected members will serve on the executive committee for 2022-2023 with President Szydlik and President-Elect Manning.**

VI. Discussion Items

- A. OSA Resolution: UWO Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week Recognition. Senators voiced support and agreed that this will be on the next agenda as an action item.
- B. OSA had inquired about moving forward on their Electronic Note Taking Policy. President Szydlik reported that she had let OSA know that a similar policy had recently failed to pass the Senate. She suggested waiting until fall so they have enough time to incorporate feedback. The Senate only has one more meeting this semester and not enough time to vet the policy.

- VII. Committee Reports – Senator Jurmu reported that the IOI committee has been meeting with departments upon request. A full committee report will be shared at the final meeting.

VIII. Information Items

- A. USP Items:
1. COLS: Geology 200 Q2 – Earth’s Changing Climate
  2. COLS: MUSIC 131 – University Choir
  3. COLS: MUSIC 141 – University Symphony
  4. COLS: MUSIC 155 – Class Piano for Nonmajor

IX. Items from Members –

- A. A Senior Exhibition (fine arts) will be held this Thursday, April 28th from 6-7 pm.

IX. President’s Report – University Updates

- A. Chancellor Leavitt has signed the Second Nature agreement.
- B. President Szydlik has invited System President Rothman to a Senate meeting next academic year, and he has accepted the invitation. The meeting date is yet to be determined.
- C. Meeting Platform – Senate discussed how they would like to hold their meetings next year. After a straw poll: 13 Senators were in favor of the alternating schedule that was used this year [every other virtual/in-person]. Five were in favor of fully in-person with one meeting each semester at each of the access campuses. Senate will vote at their next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
April Dutscheck, Recorder