

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

May 10, 2022

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

Excused: Basler, Matson, Wren

Absent: Heath

Guests: Druscilla Scribner, Brad Spanbauer, Trevor Clements, Jim Feldman, Jason Belnap

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

Minutes in Brief

At the May 10, 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 26, 2022 meeting. Guest Trevor Clements shared updates on the forthcoming Policy website, and guest Brad Spanbauer shared Sustainability updates, an upcoming summit, and commitments to sustainability on campus. Action items included Forms C and several program reviews from APC, Committee on Committee appointments, and endorsement of the OSA Resolution recognizing UWO Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week. Information items included USP items. Discussion included meeting platform options for next year. President Szydluk provided University updates. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.

President Szydluk called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm noting accomplishments of the Senate during the past year. She expressed her gratitude for the work of the Senate.

- I. Guest: Trevor Clements – Policy Website Updates
Trevor covered the work that has been done on this project over the past several years. He shared a preview of the website and demonstrated its organization, search function, and directory options. He gathered feedback on language regarding handbook and policy, the name of the website, and the need for a policy process designee. This UWO Policy Website is scheduled to go live this fall.
- II. Guests: Brad Spanbauer – Sustainability Updates
Brad shared slides that covered climate action and justice at both UWO and System. They covered impact, trends, and solutions. Discussion topics included: How does this connect to your role at UWO? Who is it for? Climate anxiety, and the work of other universities on this issue. Our campus actions include formation of the Climate Action Committee; efforts to incorporate climate action in Strategic Planning; energy use on campus and ways to reduce our carbon footprint; ways to build ties between the campus and community; ways to stay proactive, not reactive; and signage around campus. The Provost's Summit this year will incorporate sustainability into its programming.
- III. State of the University
 - A. Senate of Academic Staff (Smolinski) – VC Grisham was a guest at their last meeting sharing enrollment and retention updates; Darryl Sims shared athletic updates; JoAnn Rife shared Algoma boulevard and facilities updates; SAS

endorsed the resolution from OSA related recognizing Graduation student appreciation; and they noted that they have one more meeting remaining.

- B. University Staff Senate (Koon) – At their April meeting they had JoAnn Rife share the Algoma boulevard and facilities updates; approved GOV 6.2 updates; and they invited Access Campus leadership from both campuses to provide updates. At their May meeting, Darryl Sims shared Athletic updates, Trevor Clements shared updates on the Policy Website, and they had updates on Sustainability. They will host their annual University Staff Professional Development Day on June 13. They have one final Senate meeting on June 15 for the academic year.
- C. OSA (Fischer) – No Report
- D. Access Campus/Collegium - FOX (Tirel/Weglarz) – At their last meeting they finalized the committee appointments, and selected next year’s chair.
- E. Access Campus/Collegium - FDL (Jurmu) – They had no official actions at their last meeting.

IV. Minutes of April 26, 2022

The April 26, 2022 minutes stand approved as distributed.

V. Action Items

A. APC –

I. Forms C

- 1. COB: Economics – Create Applied Social Science Emphasis in BA & BS Economics Degree
- 2. COLS: AAS – Add to AAS (150, 294, 305, 335, 356, 357, & 358) as electives
- 3. *Items 3-6 were pulled*
- 7. COLS: IntStds – Add History 315 as option for requirement
- 8. COLS: IntStds – Remove & revise emphases
- 9. COLS: IntStds – Create a new minor
- 10. COLS: Bio-Med Imaging – add degree options through OCE
- 11. COEHS: Prof Counseling – Remove Requirement to take and pass Praxis II Exam for School Counselors.
- 12. COEHS: Counseling & Human Services – Remove the admission requirement for prospective students to take the GRE & MAT

MOVE: Loewenstein/Stojilovic moved to approve items 1,2 & 7-12. (22 YES) Passed Unanimously

FS 2122-33 The Faculty Senate approved the following APC Forms C: (1) COB: Economics – Create Applied Social Science Emphasis in BA & BS Economics Degree; (2) COLS: AAS – Add to AAS (150, 294, 305, 335, 356, 357, & 358) as electives; *Items 3-6 were pulled*; (7) COLS: IntStds – Add History 315 as option for requirement; (8) COLS: IntStds – Remove & revise emphases; (9) COLS: IntStds – Create a new minor; (10) COLS: Bio-Med Imaging – add degree options through OCE; (11) COEHS: Prof Counseling – Remove Requirement to take and pass Praxis II Exam for School Counselors; & (12) COEHS: Counseling & Human Services – Remove the admission requirement for prospective students to take the GRE & MAT.

II. Program Reviews

- 1. Computer Science
- 2. Anthropology
- 3. Global Languages & Cultures
- 4. Art
- 5. CON MSN Program

MOTION: Stojilovic/Panske moved to approve all five program reviews. A brief discussion ensued over items from the Global Languages and Culture program review. (22 YES) Passed Unanimously

FS 2122-34 The Faculty Senate approved the following Program Reviews from APC: (1) Computer Science; (2) Anthropology; (3) Global Languages & Cultures; (4) Art; & (5) CON MSN Program.

B. OSA Resolution: UWO Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week Recognition

MOTION: Tirel/Loewenstein moved to endorse the resolution from OSA. (20 YES) (2 Abstentions) Passed

Concerns were noted that OSA did not have a representative here today for this consideration.

FS 2122-35 The Faculty Senate endorsed the OSA Resolution: UWO Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week Recognition.

C. Meeting Platform for 2022-2023

MOTION: Manning/Kurtz moved to approve the proposed meeting platform for 2022-2023.

Discussion included: Consideration of large campus events; weather and travel; teaching schedules; consideration of reimbursement for travel for our access campus senators and concerns about a quorum were shared. A proposed adjusted schedule of having one in-person meeting at each access through the academic calendar was given.

MOTION: Weglarz/Williams moved to add an amendment: May 9th at FOX & January 17th at FDL. (4 YES) (17 No) (1 Abstention) Motion FAILED

MOTION: Weglarz/Tirel moved to add an amendment: April 25th at FOX & November 15 at FDL. (13 YES) (4 No) (5 abstentions). PASSED

Discussion: A specified platform may prove to be more challenging to be sure of implementation if COVID impacts meetings in any form, and if a change is ever necessary it would require a vote of the Senate. Senators decided to not act on the specifics of a meeting platform, but President Szydluk stated that she will honor the Senate's preferences.

MOTION: Jurmu/Chrobak moved to table the motions for the platform for 2022-2023. Passed Unanimously

FS 2122-36 The Faculty Senate moved to table their consideration of a specified meeting platform.

D. COC Committee Appointments

MOTION: Kurt/Jurmu moved to approve the COC appointments as amended. (22 YES) Passed Unanimously

FS 2122-37 The Faculty Senate approved the approved the COC appointments as amended.

VI. Discussion Items –

A. Senator Otto asked if we could consider using Zoom instead of Teams for virtual Senate meetings in the future. President Szydluk noted that we would investigate that possibility.

- B. Senators shared the desire for a virtual meeting room and asked that we investigate this again. Currently finding a room large enough with all the necessary technology is the challenge.

VII. Committee Reports –

- A. Improvement of Instruction committee – Senator Jurmu shared electronically the work of the committee over the past academic year.
- B. Assessment Committee - Senator Krueger shared that the work of the committee this past year included: Assessing degree programs and revising the template for review.

VIII. Information Items

- A. USP Items:
 1. COLS: Journalism 141Q3
 2. COLS: Music 240 Q2
 3. COLS: Music 112 Explore
 4. COLS: Music 121 Explore
 5. COLS: Music 123 Explore
 6. COLS: Music 127 Explore
 7. COLS: Music 133 Explore
 8. COLS: Music 151 Explore
 9. COLS: Music 156 Explore
 10. COLS: Music 158 Explore
 11. COLS: Music 216 Explore
 12. COLS: Bio186/WGS130 Explore
 13. COLS: ES 201Q3

IX. Items from Members –

- A. Senator Cortes expressed her gratitude for her past two terms working with everyone. President Szydluk thanked her for her service.

X. President's Report – University Updates

1. Faculty Representatives Meeting – Discussion items included: Response to System policies; grant application frustrations at log-in; TTC updates, legislative updates, funding for a mental health program; and concerns over the design of a survey regarding free speech.
2. Provost Administrative Staff – Updates included: UWO+ courses will have a 7-week format and will offer several programs; Ransomware and cyber-attacks are becoming more frequent, please be alert; and the Assistant Teaching Professor draft is under review with the Deans, chairs and HR prior to a decision and announcement.
3. Chancellors Admin/Leadership Council – We have approximately 1500 students graduating this spring, which includes 60 from the doctorate of nursing program; volunteers are still being recruited to help with commencement; Dean Rau will be stepping back into her faculty role after the calendar year and a COB Dean's search is forthcoming; minimum wage for student workers will be going up to \$10.00; all campuses will be incorporating success "Navigators" to help students through the whole process and stages of student life; two new policies will be coming this fall: a lactation policy and vehicle idling policy; campus was awarded a green ribbon award from Governor Evers (only 5 of these were given in the country); and we are establishing fully online degrees through the new UWO+ program.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Dutscheck, Recorder