

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

December 6, 2022

Present: Belnap, Chrobak, Cole, Dilkes, Elannani, Feldman, Hersey, Jurmu, Kim, Krueger, Kurtz, Manning, Matson, Otto, Palmeri, Purse-Wiedenhoef, Robson, Stuart, Szydlik, Tipps, Tirel, Wagoner, Weglarz Williams, Wren

Excused: Heath, Hudson, Schmitt

Absent:

Guests: Chancellor Leavitt, Kim Rivers, Rich Marshall, Jessica Spanbauer, Elizabeth Hartmann, Jennifer Christus, Alex Hummel, Rob Sipes, Alison Kunde

Administration Representative:	John Koker
Senate of Academic Staff Representative:	Brad Spanbauer
University Staff Senate Representative:	Lauren Burgbacher
Oshkosh Student Association Representative:	Daniel McKearn
Access Campus Report:	Jurmu/Tirel/Weglarz

Minutes in Brief

At the December 6, 2022 meeting of the Faculty Senate, we heard a report from the Senate of Academic Staff, the University Staff Senate, OSA, and the Access Campuses. We approved the minutes of our November 15, 2022 meeting. Chancellor Leavitt presented the UWO Strategic Plan, and Kim Rivers, Jessica Spanbauer, and Rich Marshall gave a presentation on how to better use Navigate to support our students. Action items included endorsement of the Strategic Plan and APC forms C. The APC Academic Policy Change Request – Allowing Graduate Courses to meet General Baccalaureate Requirements was tabled. Discussion was held on the Credit and Contact Hours Policy and the Regular and Substantive Interactive policy. Information items included the vacancy of a senator seat on the Assessment Committee and a call to provide feedback on the provost position and search. President Szydlik provided University and System updates. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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

- I. Welcome – President Szydlik welcomed Senators and guests to our last meeting of the semester.
- II. Guest: Chancellor Leavitt – Strategic Plan: Chancellor Leavitt acknowledged the work of the Strategic Planning committee, and thanked Chad Cotti, Jennifer Christus, Elizabeth Hartman, Alex Hummel, and Provost Koker for their contributions and hard work in bringing the final version of the UWO 2030 Strategic Plan to fruition. An “implementation team” will be established in early January with input from Shared Governance. Dr. Christus and Provost Koker also both thanked committee members and the wider university for their part in the work.
- III. Navigate Presentation – Kim Rivers, Jessica Spanbauer, Rich Marshall
Navigate helps with advising and class support. (Navigate was first launched only to advisors and then made available to all instructors on all three campuses). The Website for Navigate can be found at: <https://uwosh.edu/resources/navigate/>
The guests shared why completing “early alerts” is important and encouraged colleagues to also use “ad hoc alerts” moving forward. President Szydlik noted that it is time for us all to embrace this tool.
- IV. State of the University
 - A. Senate of Academic Staff (Spanbauer) – Meeting highlights: AVC of Human Resources, Shawna Kuether shared updates on new compensation

management practices for UWO; they approved committee appointments; and they had reports.

- B. University Staff Senate (Burgbacher) – Provost shared university updates related to enrollment; they appointed a new senator; and they approved committee appointments. Chancellor Leavitt will attend next week to present the Strategic Plan.
- C. OSA (McKearn) – OSA recently surveyed students to campus regarding safety at night and lighting around campus. They had over 200 responses and are working with the GIS club to create a map to show where new lights should be placed.
- D. Access Campus/Collegium – FOX (Tirel/Weglarz) – No Report
- E. Access Campus/Collegium – FDL (Jurmu) – No report, but shared his gratitude to those that were able to attend the last Senate meeting on the FDL campus.

V. Minutes of November 15, 2022
The November 15, 2022 minutes stand approved as distributed.

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

A. Endorsement of the Strategic Plan

MOTION: Kurtz/Wren moved to endorse the UWO 2030 Strategic Plan. (22 Yes), (1 No), (0 Abstentions). PASSED

FS 2223-09 The Faculty Senate endorsed the UWO 2030 Strategic Plan.

Additional Comments/Feedback included: Clarification on the language describing the three campuses; how to support/promote what each campus brings to the table; levels of academic and personnel support for students; updating the mission and vision will be next as SPC members wanted to set goals first; and the formation of an “implementation team” that will be established in January.

President Szydlik thanked everyone for their input and work on our new Strategic Plan.

B. APC Forms C

1. COLS: Sociology – add HS230 as elective to HHS Minor
2. COLS: WGS – add WGS365 as an elective to Certificate
3. COLS: Mathematics – MS in Mathematics Ed. Revisions
4. CON: BSN to DNP Nurse Anesthesia Emphasis revisions

MOTION: Williams/Robson moved to approve the APC Forms C 1-4. Passed Unanimously (20 Yes), (0 No/Abstentions). PASSED

FS 2223-10 The Faculty Senate approved the following Forms C: (1) COLS: Sociology – add HS230 as elective to HHS Minor; (2) COLS: WGS – add WGS365 as an elective to Certificate; (3) COLS: Mathematics – MS in Mathematics Ed. Revisions; (4) CON: BSN to DNP Nurse Anesthesia Emphasis revisions

C. APC Academic Policy Change Request – Allowing Graduate Courses to meet General Baccalaureate Requirements

MOTION: Robson/Wren moved to approve the Academic Policy Change Request – Allowing Graduate Courses to meet General Baccalaureate Requirements.

MOTION: Jurmu/Belnap moved to table the Academic Policy Change Request – Allowing Graduate Courses to meet General Baccalaureate Requirements. (21 Yes), (0 No/Abstentions). MOTION TABLED

VIII. Discussion Items

- A. Credit and Contact Hours Policy – The version shared with Senators has been updated from the last discussion in collaboration with AVC Hill.
- B. Regular and Substantive Interaction Policy – A draft version was shared with Senators. The executive committee will be working with OCE to be sure we are meeting online requirements. The Senate discussed how to make clear that there are expected contact hours in addition to credit hours (office hours).

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Senator Jurmu – Improvement of Instruction Committee (IOI)
The IOI has met twice and are discussing accessibility, SOS reports, drafting template verbiage to share with departments, and DFW rates. He asked senators to share any SOS suggestions with him. It was suggested that students and staff receive announcements regarding SOS at the same time.

X. Information Items

- A. Senator Seat – Assessment Committee – VACANCY [please think about it over the holiday break]

XI. Items from Members

- A. President Szydlak shared a draft position description for Provost & Vice Chancellor with senators in their OneDrive folder. Everyone was encouraged to review it so that they had a sense of the work of the provost, and then provide input on “what the faculty want in a provost” through the survey provided by the Provost Search and Screen committee. Several senators expressed concern that we do not require a terminal degree, but it was noted that the Board of Regents has it in policy that this cannot be required, only preferred.

XII. President’s Report – University Updates

- A. Conference on Shared Governance – Continues to meet weekly for collaboration and updates. System has requested data from campuses of admission and enrollment goals over the next five years. The System Strategic Plan will be an action item at the BOR next full meeting.
- B. Board of Regents – No report (The next BOR meeting is this coming Thursday and Friday in Madison.)
- C. System Shared Governance Meeting- Highlights included: The updated System Policy 155 on faculty development, and discussion related to finding ways to develop faculty as researchers and in service as well as in teaching. The President and Vice President of the Board of Regents were both guests that the meeting. They noted that Governor Evers’ re-election provides stability to the BOR. They also noted that the state of WI has a 6.2-billion-dollar surplus, and that we (especially business owners, students, and parents) must contact legislators from our regions to let them know our needs. System is restructuring their Office of Academic Affairs to better serve students.
- D. President Szydlak noted that the President’s Blog on the Faculty Senate website will be updated if you are interested in seeing recent news.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Dutscheck, Recorder