

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2024

Faculty Senate Chair: Jinger Doe	Faculty Senate Chair-elect: Joseph Sanpietro	Past Chair Rick Bullis
Executive Committee member, Academic Standards and Assessment Chair Martha Johnson-Olin	Executive Committee member, Curriculum Review Chair Stephanie Mead	Executive Committee member, Professional Standards Chair Karen Wikander
Executive Committee member, Salary, Benefits and Budget Chair Bradley Summerhill	Administrative Faculty Committee Chair Katie Paul	Learning Commons Committee Chair Fred Lokken
Part-Time Faculty Committee Chair Matt van den Berg	Recognition & Activities Committee Chair Olga Katkova	WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee Chair Frank Amankonah
Senators At-Large: Amber Burroughs Kyle Cassinelli Maggie Eirenschmalz Katie Paul	Senators for Allied Health: Stephanie Mead Rori Wilkis	Senators for Computer Technology Steve Bale
Senators for Biology: Laura Briggs Jon Lau	Senators for English: Martha Johnson-Olin Sabrina Ladd	Senators for History, Political Science & Law: Fred Lokken Dustin Moore
Senators for Humanities: Tom Cardoza Nancy Faires	Senators for Math: Frank Amankonah Lars Jensen	Senators for Physical Sciences: Olga Katkova Dan Loranz
Senators for Social Sciences: Marynia Giren-Navarro Joylin Namie	Senators for Technical Sciences: Deysi Montes-Castillo Kelly Oswald	Senators for Visual and Performing Arts: Fe Danger Ted Owens
Senators for Part-Time Faculty: David Pinkston Jennifer Salisbury	Classified Council Representative Jen Friend	Student Government Representative Lisha Allison

Absent: Deysi Montes-Castillo, Rori Wilkis (Proxy: Julie McMahon)

Guests: Jeffrey Alexander, YeVonne Allen, Amber Anaya, Sam Byington, Julie Ellsworth-Baker, Katherine Evans, Elyssia Fraga, Karin Hilgersom, John Hughes, Mike Schulz, Kim Studebaker, Olivia Zeiter

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m.

Approval of the September 13, 2024 Minutes

Motion: To approve the Faculty Senate Minutes for September 13, 2024.

Movant: Senator Fred Lokken

Second: Senator Jon Lau

Vote: Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the October 11, 2024 Faculty Senate Consent Agenda.

Movant: Senator Fred Lokken

Second: Senator Fe Danger

Vote: Motion passed.

Chair's Report – Jinger Doe

Chair-Elect Joe Sanpietro read Senate Chair Doe's report. Jinger attended the Foundation Board meeting on September 19. The Presidential vacancy listening forums from September 27 were well received. All forums seem to have agreed with wanting a national search to fill the vacancy. There will be a BOR special meeting on October 18 where Chair Carvalho will present the recommendation with Vice-Chair Downs, and Chancellor Charlton as to how to fill the vacancy. Jinger also thanked the SBBC for continuing their work on merit reform as was supported by their faculty survey.

Chair Elect's Report – Joe Sanpietro

Chair-Elect Joe Sanpietro did not have anything to report.

Past-Chair's Report – Rick Bullis

Past Chair Bullis reported a successful Spirit Day and Tailgate.

Administrative Report – Karin Hilgersom, TMCC President

Dr. Hilgersom reported the NSHE Presidential Listening Sessions went well. She congratulated Julie Muhle, the Dental Assisting accreditation visit was successful and no recommendations were made. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing has officially received accreditation. Congratulations to Director Jody Covert!

Administrative Report – Jeffrey Alexander, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Alexander opened his report detailing the reorganization of Life Sciences, Allied Health and Public Safety (LAP) Division. Dr. Julie Ellsworth-Baker and Director Mike Schulz were in attendance to answer any questions. Dr. Alexander noted the growth in the existing programs and new programs that have started or will hopefully start soon. Mike Schulz would be promoted to Associate Dean of Public Safety and add Tenure-Track faculty in Emergency Management and an Academic Program Coordinator. Dr. Ellsworth-Baker outlined the Public Safety Programs.

Standing Committee Reports

Academic Standards and Assessment Committee – Martha Johnson-Olin

The committee met today and created a preliminary final version of the statements that lead into the GELO's outcomes and rubrics. One PUR has been completed early and the committee will start reviewing it at their next meeting. The committee next meets November 15, 2024.

Administrative Faculty Committee – Katie Paul

The committee met on September 20, 2024. They reviewed their charges and focused on items to work on for the year. The committee next meets October 18, 2024.

Curriculum Review Committee – Stephanie Mead

The committee met October 4, 2024. Stephanie thanked the Senate for approving the Consent Agenda. The committee next meets November 1, 2024.

Learning Commons Committee – Fred Lokken

The committee met on October 3, 2024. The committee will host the Monster Panel on October 31, 2024. The Library After Dark program will return this Fall. The committee next meets November 7, 2024.

Part-Time Faculty Committee – Matt van den Berg

The committee met this morning. They discussed implementation of the Part Time Level 1 and 2 program, a centralized benefits page for part-time faculty, and the directory. The committee next meets November 8, 2024.

Professional Standards Committee – Karen Wikander

The committee met on September 27, 2024. Discussed ideas for Student Evaluations. Counseling are hoping to have documents to the committee for their October meeting along with a form for librarians. The committee next meets October 18, 2024.

Recognition and Activities – Olga Katkova

Olga discussed the bylaw update to add the Career Champions award to the committee's duties. The bylaw change was displayed for the first read. There were no comments. The committee continues to award Professional of the Month awards and is preparing to get the Distinguished Faculty Awards process started. The People, Pets and Pumpkins contest will begin soon. The committee next meets November 13, 2024.

Salary, Benefits and Budget Committee – Bradley Summerhill

The committee met on September 20. They reviewed their charges. Faculty Senate Travel Funds were approved on today's consent agenda. The Spring travel applications are due at 5 p.m. on February 14, 2025. The committee continues to work on a process for merit. The committee next meets October 18, 2024.

WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee – Frank Amankonah

The committee continues to review different Canvas features and passed a motion to turn on the discussion summary and rubric enhancement/design features in Canvas. A list of different features is being created for faculty. Frank brought forward a concern about asynchronous classes requiring a meeting with the instructor. The committee next meets November 8, 2024.

Motion: Senator Stephanie Mead motioned and Senator Fred Lokken seconded to table the discussion on asynchronous meeting requirements until more information could be gathered. The motion passed.

Classified Council – Jen Friend

Jen reported a successful bake sale, the upcoming office decorating contest, holiday baskets, and the ham/turkey raffle.

Student Government Association (SGA) – Lisha Allison

SGA President Lisha Allison reported a successful Spirit Day and Tailgate. Upcoming events are Pastries with the Presidents and Mental Health National Coming Out Day. The SGA will also ask students whether they are voting.

Old Business

None

New Business

The following items were brought forward as new business: Senator Jensen discussed concerns about the Curriculum Inventory Management System's sign off process.

Senator Fred Lokken will send an email to senators to gather feedback concerning AI training.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 8, 2024