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**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting**

**March 23, 2023**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Kate Sheppard at 2:05 pm. Roll was called by Secretary Dave Westenberg. Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Lana Alagha, Venkat Allada, Stuart Baur, Matthew Burmeister, Devin Burns, Jeff Cawlfield, Alex Chernatynskiy, Amitava Choudhury, Steve Corns, Kathryn C. Dolan, William Fahrenholtz, Mahelet Fikru, Darin Finke, Mark Fitch, Mary Gillis, Michael Gosnell, Sarah Hercula, Kelly Homan, Wenqing Hu, Ali Hurson, Kurt Kosbar, Umit Koylu, K. Krishnamurthy, Alanna Krolikowski, Bih-Ru Lea, Kelly Liu, Ashok Midha, Parthasakha Neogi, Jorge Porcel, Prakash Reddy, Melissa Ringhausen, Paul Runnion, Chaman Sabharwal, William Schonberg, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani, Jeff Smith, Shoaib Usman, Dan Waddill, Jee Ching Wang, David Westenberg, Daniel Willis, Mike Hilgers, Maciej Zawodniok

# Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting were distributed prior to this meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

 *Motion passes.*

# President’s Report

Dr. Kate Sheppard opened the meeting at 2:10 pm

* Dr. Sheppard informed the Senate about the upcoming FS Faculty/Staff Survey which will begin in April and explained minor changes introduced into the survey
* Provided an update on the status of the Graduate Student Bill of Rights. The document is to be discussed in Graduate Faculty
* Informed the Senate about a proposal to extend test optional admissions for another year to collect sufficient data to assess the impact on student success.
* Presented a motion to support extension of test optional admissions (Motion passed 24 – 5)
* Reminded Senators encourage colleagues to complete administrator evaluations
* Informed the Senate about the upcoming Board of Curators meeting at S&T to be held on April 20th. Informed the Senate that the following students were invited to attend lunch with the Curators - Zane Stobie, Sophia Rowland, Narrie Loftus, Jack Henderson, Emma Puetz, Elizabeth Kickbusch, Kira Courtois, Hayes Pateidl
* See meeting slides for additional details

# Campus Reports

1. **Staff Council**
* Megan Fowler encouraged faculty and staff to nominate staff for excellence awards.

# Student Council

# No report

# Council of Graduate Students

# No report

# Special Topic

* Provost Potts provided an explanation and led discussion of Kummer College assuming leadership of innovation and entrepreneurship for the whole campus as well as additional leadership position changes.

# Announced Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani will serve as Ombuds position. Explained that this will be a mandatory reporting position.

# Reports of Standing Committees

# Campus Curricula

* Dr. Petra DeWitt presented for the Curriculum Committee (CC). The CC met on March 2 and reviewed 4 course change requests (CC forms), 10 program change forms (PC forms), and 6 experimental course requests (EC forms). (See slides for full list of courses)
* The CC moves that Faculty Senate approve the 4 CC forms and 10 PC forms.
* *Motion passes*.

# CET

# Dr. Devin Burns presented data on SET score over the past few years and the impact of the revised instrument on student response rates and faculty scores.

# Presented a draft policy on hiding offensive open response comments.

# Explained approaches to encouraging students to be professional in how they submit open responses and training chairs in appropriate use of open responses.

# Described strategies being explored to better report SET data and presented a timeline on development of analytical tools and processes.

# Provided an update on exploring a peer evaluation instrument and teaching portfolios.

# Reported on a statement from IT on the anonymity of SET responses.

# Shared with the Senate the proposed civility statement to accompany SET surveys.

# See meeting slides for additional details

# Personnel

# Dr. Dave Westenberg reported on the Personnel Committees approval of the revised FS Faculty/Staff Climate survey to be distributed in April.

# Introduced a new referral to revisit the NTT promotion policy to add representation from the Kummer College and restructure the composition of the review committee.

# See meeting slides for additional details

# ITCC

# Perry Koob provided an update on Google Workspace and emphasized that Google Workspace IS NOT GOING AWAY.

# Explained the strategy is to manage growth in use and how to best manage costs.

# See meeting slides for additional details

# Budgetary Affairs

* Dr. Mark Fitch reported on behalf of the Budgetary Affairs Committee.
* Presented a budget timeline.
* Provided the usual detailed analysis of current and proposed budgets.
* Provided information on student recruitment and yield on budget predictions.
* Introduced the latest proposal for the tiered tuition models.
* Shared data on staff turnover.

# See meeting slides for additional details

# Unfinished Business

* None

# New Business

* None

# Adjourn

* The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.
* Respectfully submitted,
* Dave Westenberg, Secretary