

**Volume XVI, Number 3**  
**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**February 16, 2023**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Kate Sheppard at 2:04 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 Cawlfeld, 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, Vincent Yu, Maciej Zawodniok

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting were distributed prior to this meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

A friendly recommendation was made to ensure future minutes include professional titles when referring to all individuals.

*Motion passes.*

**III. President's Report**

Dr. Kate Sheppard opened the meeting at 2:11 pm

- Dr. Sheppard reported on the Faculty Senate Officers meeting with President Choi. A list of questions compiled from faculty recommendations were included. Only enough time to discuss three of the recommended questions (Campus culture for women and people of color, cost of living raises, and shared governance). Additional questions will be brought up at future opportunities. (See slides for full list of questions)
- Shared information on defined benefit plan updates and pensions. Discussion by several senators pointed out that there are at least 3 different retirement plans in place based on initial year of appointment. (See slides for more information)
- Clarified for the Senate the role FS Officers had in developing policy for chairs and above to view written SET comments. The officers did not endorse the policy but did provide feedback on ways to improve by addressing faculty concerns.

- Informed the Senate that the AF&S committee will be discussing continuing test optional admissions. The Board of Curators makes the decision but AF&S will be giving faculty feedback (may become FS resolution) as part of the shared governance process. Please use the following link to submit your suggestions  
<https://forms.gle/Axz9tU7zmdGiHWPVA>
- Informed the Senate that the Board of Curators will be meeting at S&T on April 20. Requested nominations of undergraduate students to meet with the Curators. 8 to 10 students will be invited. A link was sent to all faculty to nominate students.
- Presented Open House and Homecoming dates for the 2023-24 academic calendar. (See slides for dates)

#### **IV. Campus Reports**

##### **A. Staff Council**

- No report.

##### **B. Student Council**

- Student Council President Wulfe Retzlaff informed the Senate that StuCo was Working on constitutional revisions.
- Informed the Senate of candidates for StuCo President for 2023-24.
- Requesting leniency/accommodations for Election Day, similar to policy for career fair

##### **C. Council of Graduate Students**

- No report

#### **V. Reports of Standing Committees**

##### **A. Campus Curricula**

- Dr. Petra DeWitt presented for the Curriculum Committee (CC). The CC met on January 26 and reviewed 14 course change requests (CC forms), 2 program change forms (DC forms), and 2 experimental course requests (EC forms). (See slides for full list of courses)
- The CC moves that Faculty Senate approve the 14 CC forms and 2 DC forms.
- *Motion passes.*

##### **B. Administrative Review**

- Dr. Kelvin Erickson presented on behalf of the Administrative Review Committee.
- Presented a motion to approve the proposed questions to be used to evaluate Administrators to be reviewed for 2023: Chancellor, Vice Chancellor – Student Affairs,

Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Chief Institutional Research Officer.

- Pointed out that Executive Director: Marketing & Communication would not be reviewed due to pending retirement at the end of the year. (A friendly suggestion was made to encourage administrators who are retiring to consider still going through the review process to provide guidance for future holders of that position)
- Pointed out changes in some questions from previous years. New questions for VCSA included changing names of responsible programs. AVPFA some questions removed due to changes in responsibilities. (See slides for full list of questions)
- Motion was made to approve the list of questions.
- *Motion passes*

### **C. Budgetary Affairs**

- Dr. Mark Fitch reported on behalf of the Budgetary Affairs Committee.
- New referral to explore the cost of changing the name of Department of Teacher Education and Certification to Department of Education.
  - Conclusion – no significant additional costs
- Continuing referrals:
  - Report on the “big picture balance sheet”
  - Current and next FY budget
    - Presented a nice, detailed tutorial on reading the campus budget spreadsheet (See slides for details)

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

- None

### **VII. New Business**

- None

### **VIII. Adjourn**

- The meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.
- Respectfully submitted,
- Dave Westenberg, Secretary