

Minutes for Faculty Senate Meeting
Monday, November 5
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3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Members Present:

COLS (9)	COA (5)	COBCS (4)	COEHP (5)	Library (2)
Samuel Abegaz (20) Andrew Puckett (19) Ryan Lynch (21) Jennifer Newbrey (20) Eliot Rendleman (21) Diana Riser (19) Richard Stephens (21) Rosa Williams (20) Alternate Senator: Eugen Ionascu	Joseph Girard (21) Natalie Higgins (20) Chris McCollough (19) James Ogburn (19) Stephanie Patterson (21) Alternate Senator: Nicholas McMillan	Phillip Bryant (21) Tesa Leonce (19) Laurence Marsh (19) Alternate Senator: Lydia Ray	Sherika Derico (19) Vanessa Hicks (21) Ellen Martin (19) Heather McKeen (21) Saoussan Maarouf (21) Alternate Senator: Alicia Bryan	David Owings (21) Paul Luft (20)

Ex Officio Members Present: Dr. Chris Markwood, Dr. Deborah Bordelon

Members Absent with notice: Rajeev Dabke (19), Andrew Puckett (19), Rania Hodhod (21)

Members Absent without notice: n/a

- I. Call to order
- II. President's comments and announcements – Chris Markwood
 - A. Dr. Markwood shared that at the Chancellor's retreat attendees discussed national perceptions of the public about higher education. We need to do a better job of crafting a positive narrative. Other topics from the retreat that were shared include: Cyber security, stricter expectations. Momentum year initiative, needs to be ramped up. Revamp of conflict of interest and commitment: Required online training.
 - B. We received a negative audit finding on background checks and we are in the process of rectifying this problem. Contacting individuals to complete the background check.
- III. Provost's comments and announcements – Deborah Bordelon 7:39
 - A. Dr. Bordelon began with an update on searches: COA dean's search in progress, on track, campus visits in spring. Assoc VP Enrollment management search nearly complete. Dean of libraries search starting. Assoc provost faculty affairs starting with July 1st as deadline. Registrar's position: posted on HR website.
 - B. Celebrating Dean Flynn's retirement on Nov 28, 4-5:30, Cunningham. Celebrating Glenn Stokes' retirement on Dec 7, 4-6, Cunningham center.
 - C. Dr Bordelon reminded senate of Graduate hooding ceremony, Dec 13, 6:30pm, University hall, sending letter to grad students.

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- D. Proposals for innovation and scholarship reminder, Nov 30 deadline.
 - E. Leadership institute, looking for facilitators for entities in the community. Please complete form. Facilitator sessions 2-4 hours. Paid. Part of university work, not conflict of interest.
 - F. David Owings: Question about Assoc VP of facilities being filled. Duties have been reassigned to Kelly Wilson.
- IV. Executive Officer's comments and announcements – Chris McCollough 17:33
- A. Dr McCollough presented reminders about dates/events and demeanor during Senate meetings.
 - B. Dates Ahead - Winterfest - November 27
 - C. Upcoming Philanthropy - Giving Tree @ Rec Center: Lashica Thomas will explain more.
 - D. Minutes Approval Approach and Engagement: After meetings minutes will be circulated among senators for comments, and we will approve in person.
 - E. Civility in Senate Dialog
 - 1. Address work done in meeting that is outside of senate work Address problem of the types of comments made: be sensitive to other disciplines and the work of our colleagues.
 - F. Ellen asked about the procedure for minutes, moving forward, McCollough reviewed procedures.
- V. New Business
- A. Senate Committees - Update in Charge
 - B. Sustainability Committee Transition - Senate to Institutional - Cliff Ruehl 25:00
 - 1. Cmte is building sustainability plan. Recommend that they become an institutional committee. Motion to have this committee become an institutional committee passes, 25 in favor, 0 not in favor.
- VI. Old Business 26:30
- A. General Education Area B Update - Eliot Rendleman***
 - B. Dr Rendleman reports two additional meetings on Area B. Reminds senate that we have to keep pressing forward to work on coherence of area B per SACSUSG requirement and assessment.
 - C. Announced new members: Andrew & Nicholas (COA), and Erick Richman & Janet (COEHP).
 - D. Shared the two motions and recommendations with the senate:

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1. Motion 1 (not approved 4-4), by Dr. Howard, from Proposed Area B Restructuring document (INDEX FORM FALL 2018 Area B), originally submitted to the GEC committee on 9-10-2018: Recommend the approval of including foreign language as a course to support the B1 outcome — which reads "Demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively verbally and non-verbally in various contexts."— along with COMM 1110, and recommend the approval of outcome B2 — which reads "Present logical, informed, and evidence-based solutions to real-world problems"— and revise the list of supporting courses to now include ITDS 1779 Scholarship Across the Disciplines, LEAD 1705 Introduction to Servant Leadership, PERS 1506 Perspectives for First-Year Students, with the understanding that a 2-credit version of the PERS course will be created.
 2. Motion 2 (approved 7-1), by Dr. Schwartz: Recommend the approval of outcome B2 of the original proposal— which reads "Present logical, informed, and evidence-based solutions to real-world problems"— and revise the list of supporting courses to now include ITDS 1779 Scholarship Across the Disciplines, LEAD 1705 Introduction to Servant Leadership, PERS 1506 Perspectives for First-Year Students, with the understanding that a 2-credit version of the PERS course will be created.
- E. Reports the committee plans to find a place for foreign language. Area D is on the list to work on as well as bylaws.
- F. (This is a summary.) Concerns posed Ryan Lynch, Diana Riser, and Ellen Martin about departmental compromises, timelines, procedure, and rationales to accompany cmte recommendations. (Please refer to the audio file.).
1. Dr. Lynch: "many of our students across a variety of majors (especially in COLS) have language requirements for our students as part of the degree, and it's not an acceptable solution to drop language out of the core and force those credits (upwards of 9 for some majors, more usually 6) to be forced into electives. I don't believe any changes to B should properly considered before we have found a solution to where foreign language will fit into the core."

VII. Standing Committee Reports* 1:03:00

A. Student Research and Creative Endeavors - Tom Ganzevoort

1. Met twice. Cover scoring procedures. Members trained on banner, and access. Teams to assess. Compiled scores. Working on award letters. 66 applications, which was increase. 63 funded. \$22K awarded. \$2K for next semester. Unofficial cap \$300. Grads \$600.
2. Dr. Newbrey. Why were 3 turned down. R&R, some did not or they didn't resubmit

B. Senate Budget Committee - Ellen Martin

1. Prelim meeting. Decisions will be made in April, based on Frank Harmon's guidance.
2. President added guidelines and limitations to learning about budget information

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- C. Student Evaluations - Megan Hallisey: Reviewed past and current policies. Currently composing recommendations for evals.
 - D. Admissions Policy (written update)
 - E. Retention Progression Graduation (written): Rose Williams asked about the impact of student about student advising - about a provision in the RPG cmte written doc that mentioned having students steered toward classes specific to their major. Fady Mansour explained the rationale behind the RPG cmte recommendations. Dr Bordelon explained the requirements for registration recommendation.
 - F. Distance Learning (written): Diana requests information on COOLs move or relocation decision making process.
- VIII. Item(s) for Presentation and Discussion, and Possible Action Items** 1:16:30
- A. Senate Policy & Procedures RE: Policy Review, Advice, & Posting - McCollough: Explains work on this document, procedure and purpose. Questions posed to present about timelines. Length of time for active posts on website and how to archive.
- IX. Staff Council Report – Lashica Thomas 1:23:30: Reminders: winterfest, giving tree description, January welcome back (working with Dr Hrach)
- X. Student Government Association Report – Winston Black
- A. News: Homecoming, SGA sponsoring hurricane relief, How can we help program at Clocktower, reviewing items of SGA constitution
 - B. Dr Riser asked about meeting schedule and minutes. Will update by end of week. Dr Lynch applauded the How Can We Help program.
- XI. Other Items: Motion to adjourn. Passed.

*Senate Committees are asked to present a report on a schedule each month. Unless noted as a presentation to Senate, each chair has submitted a report for advanced review, and will be in attendance for questions from the Senate and others in attendance.

**Denotes that Senators and guests have advanced access to materials being presented during the meeting to facilitate informed discussion. We will hold one discussion session prior to any vote, if our approval or endorsement is asked. In the event the Senate is satisfied with any proposed action item, they may call for a vote to endorse or adopt. The Senate may also call for a motion to make additional edits or changes before final consideration of a motion.

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***Denotes an item already discussed and subject to final consideration of motion to support or oppose, along with any additional feedback beyond initial discussion.