

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2024

3:00-5:00pm

Grand Reading Room/Zoom Videoconferencing

**Members present:**

	Present		Present		Present
Achilov Dilshod		Evans Shari	X	Mofford Kari	X
Ahrens Scott		Fair Meghan	X	Moisander Pia	
Anguelov Nick	X	Fields Keota		Msangi Ziddi	
Arkerson Robin	X	Fisher Anthony	X	Mulnix Jennifer	X
Arora Anupama	X	Fisher Robert		Neto Catherine	X
Arruda Elisabeth	X	Fletcher Megan		O'Rielly Grant	
Avery Shannon		Fowler Alex		Olitsky Neal	
Ayotte Brian	X	Franz Laura	X	Owens Lisa	X
Barrett Diana	X	Gardner Catherine	X	Pacheco Sonia	X
Berggren Heidi	X	Gelmi Caroline	X	Rajaniemi Tara	X
Bhowmick Sankha		Gulbrandsen Karen		Reda Danya	
Borim Dario	X	Hall Maureen	X	Revell Andrew	X
Botvin Joshua	X	Huang Rui	X	Roscoe Doug	X
Bowman Julie	X	Jia Xiaofei		Santavicca Nicholas	X
Bromage Erin	X	Kayumova Shakhnoza		Scarano Frank	X
Buck Elisabeth		Khatib Firas	X	Schuler Monika	
Caldera Kathryn		Kim Saeja	X	Silby Mark	X
Casero Eric	X	Kish Robin	X	Silva Glaucia	X
Clark Jennifer	X	Klobucka Anna	X	Sneider Matthew	X
Cowles Geoff		Li Yuzhu	X	Tandon Amit	X

Curran	Catharine		Lohrenz	Steven	X	Turcotte	Heather	X
Darst	Robert		Lubinsky	Crystal	X	Viveiros	Jennifer	X
Dawe	Megan		Lynch	Devon	X	Wang	Honggang	
DeLuca	Katherine	X	Manke	David		Winslow	Benjamin	X
Dempsey	Anna	X	Manning	Kenneth	X	Witzig	Stephen	X
Eckert	Maureen		Marshall	Douglas	X	Wood	Emma	X
Eisenhart	Chris	X	Mehrtens	Cristina		Wilson	Mary	

23 GUESTS

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

April 11, 2024, 3:00-5:00pm, Library Grand Reading Room/Zoom

- Call to Order at 3:09pm
- Approval of March minutes
  - ☒ Motion made (Glaucia Silva) and seconded (Andrew Revell)
  - ☒ No additions or amendments – motion approved
- President’s Report (Brian Ayotte)
  - ☒ All materials for meetings posted to myCourses prior to the meeting
  - ☒ End-of-year reports for committees due soon
  - ☒ EHS person left with short notice
    - Triumvirate will be expanding their current contract to fill in while the university is filling the EHS position
- Committee Reports
  - ☒ University Curriculum Committee (Andrew Revell)
    - Report on number of proposals managed and voted upon by the committee
  - ☒ Student Faculty Academic Affairs Committee (Benjamin Winslow)
    - Proposed policy regarding credit limits as applied to Intersession/Maymester courses
      - Currently no limits on number of credits students can take
      - Proposed: Limiting students to three credits during 3-week sessions/Maymester, six credits during 5-week sessions, eight credits during 7-week sessions
      - Calculated based on hours an average full-time student would complete during a week and scaling to appropriate credit hours

- Motion to move the recommendation forward (Doug Roscoe) and seconded (Mark Silby)
  - Motion to amend policy to apply to undergraduates only (Cathy Curran) and seconded
    - Separate policy for graduate students will be discussed in collaboration with the Graduate Council
    - No objections to amendment
- ∅ By-laws Committee (Doug Roscoe)
  - New proposed by-law changes
    - Committee rules
      - By default, committees would use Robert's Rules of Order. Alternative rules can be adopted with the approval of the Senate.
      - Motion to move proposal forward (Eric Casero) and seconded (Mark Silby)
        - Motion to table (Jennifer Mulnix) and seconded (Glaucia Silva)
          - Yes 16 | No 13 | Abstain
          - Motion to Table passes
    - Re-apportionment: increase the number of council seats and decrease the number of at-large seats so total is 40 council seats and 40 at-large seats
      - Formula for re-apportionment
      - Re-apportionment would happen every 6 years
      - Proposed transition scheme
      - EDU council folding into SSCI council
      - TECH council members become members of their department's academic council
      - Motion to move proposal forward (Eric Casero) and seconded (Saeja Kim)
        - Motion moves to Qualtrics for voting
- ∅ Ad-Hoc Committee on AI (Iren Valova)
  - Met three times
  - Setting an agreed definition for AI
  - Define constraints of fair use by faculty and students
    - No universal application of constraints can be used for all colleges
- ∅ Ad-Hoc Grade Appeals Committee (Erin Bromage)
  - Change procedure to make process more efficient, clearer, and simpler for students
  - Create a Grade Appeals Officer to centralize/streamline the process

- Change the deadline for grade appeal submissions for winter, spring, May, and summer semesters
  - Issues for the next few months:
    - Reviewing what matters can be appealed
    - Reviewing process for appeals from graduate students
  - Issue for next semester:
    - Reviewing policy for grade amnesty
  - Unanimous consent to suspend the rule of double reading to vote on motion due to time sensitivity
  - Motion to accept recommendations of the Grade Appeals Committee (Andrew Revell) and seconded (Glaucia Silva)
    - Voting: Yes 32 | No 0
    - Motion passes
- Update on Concur Platform (Michael LaGrassa)
  - ☞ Delegates can create travel authorizations
  - ☞ President's Office is working on making loading complex itineraries easier
  - ☞ Working out process for student travel
- New Business
  - ☞ None
- Provost's Report (Ram Bala)
  - ☞ Commencement is coming up – looking for faculty participation
  - ☞ Canvas migration – looking for faculty pilot volunteers
  - ☞ Open Education Resources project – looking for faculty volunteers for next round of OER creators
  - ☞ Student ratings open between 4/16-4/30
- Motion to Adjourn
  - ☞ Made (Eric Casero) and seconded (Andrew Revell)
- Meeting concluded at 4:54pm