**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**September 22, 2021 – 11:30-12:30 - EDU 113 (with Zoom simulcast)**

**In attendance:** Ahlawat, Altmiller, Baker, Bender, Bennett, Borders, Burroughs, Bush, Bwire, Capece, Cho, Curtis, Dahling, Dickinson, Gevertz, Haikes, Kim, Kim-Bossard, Knox, Lasher, Leynes, Li, Lopes-Murphy, McBride, McMann, Meixner, O’Connor, Ortiz-Vilarelle, Patterson, Prensky, Ryan, Salgian, Sewell, Shahid, Singer, Steele, Toloudis, Warner-Ault, Wei, Zrada.

**Absent:** Pearlstein, Samanta.

**Roll Call**

* Laurie called the Faculty Senate roll.

**Welcome to the New Academic Year**

* Matt welcomed everyone back and discussed the new hybrid format for meetings.

**Approval of Minutes**

* The minutes of the May 10, 2021, meeting were approved as corrected with one typo.

**Appointments of Senate Officers**

* Matt introduced the nominees for the 2 open SEB seats:
  + SEB Vice President – Abby O’Connor
  + Member at Large – Mindi McMann
* Approved unanimously.

**Appointments – List of Proposed Appointees to Governance Committees, 2021-22**

* Matt reviewed the list of appointments to the open seats on the governance committees.
* Approved unanimously.
* **List is attached (Attachment 1)**

**Visit by Dr. Mark Forest, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs – Health and Wellness**

* Dr. Forest discussed what his office does and how they have recently reorganized their counselling and prevention services. He also talked about their new website.
* He discussed how we’ve all been through a lot over the past 18 months, and how there are increased levels of anxiety, depression, and family conflict for many of the students, as well as for faculty and staff.
* The numbers in their office have skyrocketed over the past year to a much higher number than pre-pandemic.
* He reviewed the basic services his office offers.
* He also reviewed some options for faculty and staff, including the new Mental Wellness Toolkit which was developed by Staff Senate, and which can be found on their website.

**Visit by David Blake, Co-Chair of CSPP and the Strategic Planning Working Group**

* David reviewed the background of the new strategic plan and how we got to where we are, then discussed the makeup of the new Strategic Planning Working Group and talked about the process going forward.
* Questions and discussion.
* Matt thanked David for his leadership in this process.

**Announcements**

* Matt will send out a Googledocs link for senators to sign up for the 3 Faculty Senate committees (Senate Collegiality and Outreach, Senate Intellectual Community Committee, and Mildred Dahne Committee). He will also tweak what the committees do.
* Upcoming meetings on 10/6 and 10/20 – one will be an open session with the provost, presenting the Huron data.
* October 27th is the Senate Colloquium.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32pm.

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Upcoming Events:

October 6 – Faculty Senate Meeting

October 20 – Faculty Senate Meeting

October 27 – Faculty Senate Research Colloquium, Dr. Cynthia Curtis, Mathematics & Statistics

**Attachment 1**

**Faculty Senate**

**Appointments to Governance Committees**

**September 22, 2021**

**Living Learning Task Force (3 vacancies)**

Glenn Steinberg

Richard Baker

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**Committee on Faculty Affairs (CFA) - ONE 2-year term and ONE 1-year term**

Susan Ryan (2-year)

Monisha Pulimood (1 year)

**Cultural and Intellectual Community Council (CICC) - ONE 1-year term**

Emily Meixner

**Honors and Scholars Council (HSC) - ONE 1-year term**

Rachel Snider

**Sabbaticals Council - THREE 3-year terms (Arts and Comm, Engineering, SCI compsci/math) and ONE 1-year term (Business)**

Dimitris Papamichail – CompSci

Mohammed Alabsi – ENG

Jean Brechman – Marketing (1 year)

Sunita Ahlawat – accounting (1 year, for A&C)

**Support for Scholarly Activities Council (SOSA) - TWO 3-year term (A&C) and ONE 2-year term (SCI Math/CompSci)**

Nick Battista – Math

Yachao Li – A&C

**Open Educational Resources (OER) Council – ONE 1-year term**

Mahrukh Khan (replacement for Nick Battista)

**Budget and Finance Planning Council – ONE 1-year term**

Eric Laprade (1-year replacement for Steffen Marcus)