



FACULTY SENATE--MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2024
3:00 PM – Student Center Ballroom, third floor

PRESENT: Faculty Senate Officers A. Kumar, D. Hubbard, and A. Smith; **Faculty Senators** J. Ausherman, M. Baumgartner, B. Binnie, J. Bolt, A. Borosov, S. Brockhaus, B. Browning, M. Buckley, B. Conti, D. Davisson, B. Ekelman, C. Heyward, J. Jenkins, E. Lehfeltdt, K. Mansour, J. Matthews, B. McClain, B. Nagy, H. Pearson, A. Price, R. Raimer, E. Rauschert, T. Runner, A. Severson, D. Smith, J. Sola, A. Sonstegard, M. Volk, R. Whitbred, N. Zawahri, and N. Zingale; **Administrative and Corresponding Members** L. Bloomberg, J. Gordon, M. Gruys, A. Kersten, B. Kosteas A. Hunt, K. Neuendorf, T. Nikitina; **Ex Officio Limited Members** G. Dyer, M. Heath, S. Rose, and M. Wiitala.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Zoom indicated a peak of 182 participants.

Senate President Kumar gaveled the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

I. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by University Curriculum Committee chair, Michele Heath, to amend the agenda with a discussion item, School of Education and Counseling Reorganization - Levin College of Public Affairs and Education; Ad Hoc Proposal. She noted that the committee had met earlier in the day and approved the additional item for the discussion agenda. The revised agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the February 28, 2004, Meeting

The minutes of the February 28, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved by voice vote.

III. Report of the Senate President

Senate President Kumar provided updates on several Senate and University matters, including that Provost Sridhar and his dog had been injured when they were struck by a car and that the Provost was in the hospital with a possible concussion. President Kumar noted that the University would be addressing its budgetary challenges and that University President Bloomberg would discuss these.

IV. University Curriculum Committee

Committee Chair Michele Heath brought a consent agenda from the committee. The consent agenda was approved with one abstention. (**Report No. 33, 2023-2024**)

- Prelicensure BSN Admission Requirements - 1110 - Fall 24
- Accelerated BSN On Line - 1110 - Fall 24

- Physical Education and Sport (Exercise Science), B.S. in Ed. - 1110 - Fall 24
- Applied Social Research, Accelerated Master's BA/MA - 1110 - Fall 24
- Public Safety Management, B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24
- ANT - 340 - Phonetics and Phonology
- College Requirements - 1110 - Fall 24
- Communication, Accelerated Master's BA/MACTM - 1110 - Fall 24
- Environmental Studies, B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24
- Environmental Studies, MA - 1110 - Fall 24
- Journalism and Promotional Communication, Accelerated Master's BA/MACTM - 1110 - Fall 24
- LIN - 340 - Phonetics and Phonology
- Nonprofit Management, Accelerated Master's BA/MNM - 1110 - Fall 24
- Occupational and Physical Therapy in the Schools, Graduate Certificate - 1090 - Spring 24
- Organizational Leadership, B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24
- Program Evaluation in Educational and Youth-Serving Organizations, Graduate Certificate - 1110 - Fall 24
- Public Administration, MPA - 1110 - Fall 24
- Public Management Certificate - 1110 - Fall 24
- Public Administration, Accelerated Master's BA/MPA - 1110 - Fall 24
- SWK - 390 - Field Practicum I
- UST - 510 - Proposal Writing
- Urban Planning and Development, Accelerated BA/MUPD - 1110 - Fall 24
- Urban Planning and Development, MUPD - 1110 - Fall 24
- Urban Studies, MS - 1110 - Fall 24
- CVE - 426 - Preliminary Design
- Economics Minor - 1110 - Fall 24
- Linguistics Minor - 1110 - Fall 24
- Linguistics, B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24
- CVE - 427 - Capstone Design
- ENG - 241H - H:Introduction to Fiction Honors
- IST - 480 - Data Visualization for Business Intelligence
- Health Sciences, Accelerated Master's BS/MS - 1110 - Fall 24
- Business Analytics, B.B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24

UCC Discussion Agenda

- Digital Humanities - 1110 - Fall 24

Following explanation of the major by Dr. Shelley Rose, and discussion of concerns about enrollment and resources, the Digital Humanities program was approved unanimously.

- School of Education and Counseling Reorganization - Levin College of Public Affairs and Education; Ad Hoc Proposal

On behalf of the committee, Professor Heath proposed that three education departments in the Levin College of Public Affairs and Education be merged into a school. Senator Karla Hamlen Mansour, speaking also for other senators from education departments, expressed concerns about the process by which this proposed merger had been developed. She stated that this had been a mandate

XI. Graduate and Professional Students Association (GPSA) Report

GPSA President Tatiana Nikitina reiterated previous concerns about the limited number of options for dining on campus and noted that Graduate Student Appreciation Week would be the following week.

XII. Question Time

Senator Judy Ausherman expressed concerns about attempts by the Undergraduate Student Success Committee connect to the Division of Student Belonging and Success, and stated that if there were going to be ex officio members of Senate committees, those ex officio members should participate in shared governance. Senate President Kumar reported that the Student Life Committee had recently met with the Vice President for Student Belonging and Success and had produced a report about it that would be shared with the Academic Steering Committee. President Kumar noted that it was essential that ex officio committee members had to work with committees, and that the basic idea of shared governance was that ex officio members had to go to committees and get feedback and, ideally, the buy-in of committees, many of which also include students.

XIII. New Business

There was no new business.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, and following a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON MAY 1, 2024

Albert F. Smith
Faculty Senate Secretary