

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
February 23, 2021

Present: Chrobak, Cortes, Cotti, Dilkes, Fonkem, Fuller, Heath, Herzberg, Jurmu, Kim, Krueger, Lancaster, Loewenstein, Luedke, Manning, Matson, Otto, Palmeri, Panske, Scribner, Short-Meyerson, Stojilovic, Stuart, Szydlik, Tirel, Wagoner, Weglarz, Wren

Excused:

Absent:

Administration Representative:	John Koker
Senate of Academic Staff Representative:	Laura Smolinski
University Staff Senate Representative:	Lisa Goetsch
Oshkosh Student Association Representative:	Austin Hammond
Access Campus Report:	Michael Jurmu/Carrie Tirel/Teresa Weglarz

Guests: Carmen Faymonville, Nicholas Ambrose, Darryl Sims, Ken Price, Caroline Geary, & George Thomas

Minutes in Brief

At the February 23, 2021 meeting of the Faculty Senate, reports of the Senate of Academic Staff, University Staff Senate, OSA, and Access Campus were given, and the minutes of the February 9, 2020 meeting were approved. The discussion items included the AAS Degree and an Academic Affairs Update by Provost Koker. Darry Sims shared an Athletics Update for the past year and looking forward. The action item was a response to the IAS Working Group Recommendation. President Scribner provided the President's update electronically to Senators following the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

President Scribner called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

- I. Guest: Darryl Sims, Director of Athletics
Sims outlined the past year, highlighting which seasons were cancelled, shortened and discussing plans for spring 2021 season. Strategies, recommendations and guidelines for dealing with the pandemic made for a challenging year. The department continues to do its best to support a balance of academic work and athletics for our student athletes. Mental Health and safety of these students and staff continue to be a high priority; and they are currently using an app that has already proven to be very helpful. Other discussion items included: Consideration of spectators at spring sports, the everchanging landscape of athletics, strong recruitment efforts, mandatory health screening that has proven to be effective, and the appreciation of needed precautions.

MOTION: Move to amend the agenda to next move to the first discussion item by Jurmu/Chrobak. Passed

- II. State of the University
 - A. Senate of Academic Staff (Smolinski) – No report, their last meeting was canceled
 - B. University Staff Senate (Goetsch) – No report, their last meeting was canceled
 - C. OSA (Hammond) – They are considering adding the director of the Cabinet Food Pantry as member of their Senate; they continue to work on learning how to write resolutions; and there is a winter clothing drive underway that goes into early next week.
 - D. Access Campus: FDL – (Jurmu/Tirel/Weglarz)

1. Fond du Lac: Senator Jurmu reported that they are settling into the semester well; are very appreciative of having on campus Covid testing; are hoping that club sports will be back in place this fall; and continue to work on their collegium and committee structures.
2. Fox Cities: No report

III. Minutes of February 9, 2020

The February 9, 2020 minutes stand approved as amended.

IV. Unfinished Business – None

V. New Business/Action Items

- A. IAS Working Group Recommendation Response *[In One Drive for Senators]*

MOTION: Tirel/Manning moved to approve the IAS Working Group Recommendation Response. 23 Yes. Passed

FS 2021-25 The Faculty Senate approved the IAS Working Group Recommendation Response.

VI. Discussion Items

A. AAS Degree – Caroline Geary & Ken Price

Dr. Price introduced the presentation and touched on the key areas of the AAS degree curriculum revisions about which they are gathering feedback. Dr. Geary presented a slideshow that covered the details of the AAS Degree (including the language that Faculty Senate approved last year) and the proposed modifications to incorporate aspects of the USP model and better serve students who transit to UWO or transfer to another institution. They both then answered several questions and fielded suggestions from Senators.

B. Academic Affairs Update – Provost Koker covered three things: (1) Academic Planning Program Planning; (2) Fall 2021 teaching modalities; and (3) Teaching Loads.

(1) The latest draft of the Academic Program Plan was shared with the Senate ahead of time. Provost reminded everyone that this is a living and dynamic document and always open to updates. Provost fielded questions and solicited feedback on the document.

(2) Fall 2021 – we are moving forward as normal as possible. The fall schedule and Titan Web are coming out in early March. Emphasis is being placed on in-person modalities with some dedicated online offerings (thus moving away from the hyflex approach). It is understood there will be greater clarity about recommendations for social distancing and mask wearing masks as we move forward.

(3) Teaching Loads – Provost said that he will be working with the Faculty Senate Executive committee to help him form a working group to explore models for faculty workload. The outcome generated by this group will be the first step in developing and implementing a University policy that would allow faculty to assign a portion of the 24-credit teaching load to other areas (such as increased research, creative activity or service). The earliest implementation at this point would be Fall of 2022, with hopes to have a plan by this time next year. Senators were encouraged to share any feedback and President Scribner noted she would bring back an update when possible.

VII. Committee Reports - None

VIII. Information Items – None

IX. Items from Members - None

X. President's Report

- A. A follow up email covered these highlights: Vaccine updates and information; capital budget sent to the Legislature from the Governor and the inclusion of the CLOW 2 rebuild at full funding; hopes to hold a listening session for the JFC on one our three campuses; Chancellor's upcoming formation of a Strategic Planning Committee that would be made permanent; search and screen for the VC for Student Affairs coming soon; needed faculty member to serve on the OCE Academic Council; feedback on comments on the academic planning document needed by March 2.

MOTION: Jurmu/Chrobak moved to adjourn at 5:07 p.m. Passed

April Dutscheck,
Recorder