

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES April 12, 2022

Present: Basler, Chrobak, Dilkes, Elannani, Heath, Hudson, Jurmu, Krueger, Kurtz, Loewenstein, Manning, Matson, Otto, Palmeri, Panske, Stojilovic, Stuart, Szydlik, Tirel, Wagoner, Weglarz, Williams, Wren

Excused: Cortes, Kim

Absent: None

Guests: Druscilla Scribner, Stewart Cole, Carmen Faymonville, Kim Rivers, Jennifer Christus, Stephen Kercher, Elizabeth Hartman, Mina Kuss, Caroline Geary

Administration Representative: John Koker
Senate of Academic Staff Representative: Laura Smolinski
University Staff Senate Representative: Linda Koon
Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Jacob Fischer
Access Campus Report: Jurmu/Tirel/ Weglarz

Minutes in Brief

At the April 12, 2022 meeting of the Faculty Senate, we heard reports from the Senate of Academic Staff, the University Staff Senate, the Oshkosh Student Association, and the Access Campuses. We approved the minutes of the March 29, 2022 meeting. Guest, USP Director, Kim Rivers shared USP updates. Guests Jennifer Christus and Stephen Kercher shared Strategic Planning updates. Action items included Forms C from APC, and the election for President-elect of the Senate. Senator Manning was elected. Information items included an Elections Report. Discussion was held on the Policy on Scope of Faculty Responsibility and Workload. President Szydlik provided updates from the Conference on Shared Governance, Leadership Council, and Board of Regents meetings. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

President Szydlik called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

- I. Guest: Kim Rivers – USP Updates
Director Rivers shared that she has been the USP director since January 31st and she is still learning the administrative portion of the position and getting used to the program. She noted that having taught USP courses in the past helped her with the transition. USP is at work consolidating tasks and positions, getting assessment plans in place, working on student success issues, and making updates to the First-Year Experience. They are working with the access campuses to ensure that USP is part of the experience of Fox and Fondu Lac Campus students. The upcoming HLC visit in spring of 2023 provides extra motivation for continuous improvement. Dr. Rivers noted that she works with a great team and looks forward to what they will accomplish together.
- II. Guests: Jennifer Christus & Stephen Kercher – Strategic Planning Updates
Current Chair, Jennifer Christus introduced herself and the Strategic Planning Committee members that were able to join us. She talked about *why* we do Strategic Planning and highlighted four major steps in the process: evaluate where we are as an institution; decide where we want to go; make the plan; and follow through. She announced upcoming open forums and described plans for gathering feedback from people across campus. The committee's goal is to have a draft completed this summer that can come before shared governance groups this fall. Discussion with Senators included: student experiences and student success; organizational identity; workplace culture; institutional innovation and development; concepts related to mission, vision, and value statements; a request for the inclusion of the Wisconsin Idea; the dialectical relationship between us and the marketplace; a question about what is meant by "non-academic programs"; concerns that fundamental elements from the last plan are missing (i.e., liberal education

and shared governance); and the request for inspirational goals and goals related to knowledge creation and dissemination. Dr. Christus shared a Strategic Planning website: <https://uwosh.edu/strategicplan/>. They requested feedback from campus members via a survey that will be going out soon. In this survey, participants can rank priorities.

III. State of the University

- A. Senate of Academic Staff (Smolinski) – The Provost was a guest at their last meeting. He provided university updates that included a strategic planning update. Their Senate elections are completed, and winners will be announced at their next meeting.
- B. University Staff Senate (Koon) – At their last meeting JoAnn Rife shared facilities and Algoma construction updates. Access Campus leadership provided introductions and shared updates from each of the campuses. They approved GOV 6.2 and endorsed the Sustainability document. They also completed their Senate elections.
- C. OSA (Fischer) – They are working on two documents that they hope to bring to all shared governance groups for consideration. The first is a resolution recognizing UWO Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week, and the second is a policy titled Electronic Note Taking.
- D. Access Campus/Collegium - FOX (Tirel/Weglarz) – At their last Collegium they had elections and a strategic planning update.
- E. Access Campus/Collegium - FDL (Jurmu) – At their last Collegium it was reported that they are conducting a search for a Librarian.

IV. Minutes of March 29, 2022

The March 3, 2022 minutes stand approved as distributed.

V. Action Items

- A. APC – Form C
 - 1. COEHS: Add additional courses to the Collab. Online Assoc. of Arts and Science Degree
 - 2. COB: Info Systems-Computer Science Emphasis
 - 3. COB: Info Systems No Emphasis
 - 4. COB: Pre-Business Certificate name change to Business Fundamentals
 - 5. COLS: AGRC – restore 362/562 as a requirement for a major in Anthro.
 - 6. COLS: Social Work – MS ADV Direct Practice Track

MOTION: Stojilovic/Weglarz moved to approve the APC Forms C. Passed Unanimously

FS 2122-29 The Faculty Senate approved the following APC Forms C: (1) COEHS: Add additional courses to the Collab. Online Assoc. of Arts and Science Degree; (2) COB: Info Systems-Computer Science Emphasis; (3) COB: Info Systems No Emphasis; (4) COB: Pre-Business Certificate name change to Business Fundamentals; (5) COLS: AGRC – restore 362/562 as a requirement for a major in Anthro; (6) COLS: Social Work – MS ADV Direct Practice Track

B. Last Call for Nominations to President-Elect & Elections

Senator Manning received two nominations electronically since the last meeting. President Szydlak asked for any last nominations. No further nominations were made, and nominations closed. Senator Manning shared a brief statement that she has appreciated her time serving on the Executive Committee and has learned

much from it. She hopes to use her time as President to keep shared governance at the fore.

Senate then held a paper vote. Senator Manning was elected unanimously as next year's President-Elect.

C. Call for nominations to Executive Committee

President Szydluk opened nominations to the Executive Committee and noted that they will stay open until the next meeting. Senators were reminded that they can self-nominate or nominate others. Senator Jurmu self-nominated.

VI. Discussion Items –

A. Policy on Scope of Faculty Responsibilities and Workload

President Szydluk shared the edits that have been made. Senators discussed whether the document should address whether (and how) paid work should be counted as service.

VII. Committee Reports -- (none)

VIII. Information Items –

A. Faculty Senate Elections Report – President Szydluk congratulated the winners of the Faculty Senate election:

COEHS- Christine Tipps

CON – Catherine Schmitt

COB – Nathan Stuart

COLS-FAPA – Anna Hersy

COLS-Humanities – Pascale Manning & Evan Williams

COLS-Math Science – Jim Feldman, Jason Belnap, & Erin Matson

COLS-Social Science – Michael Jurmu

IX. Items from Members –

A. A request to have an update on the Attendance Policy and Out-of-Class Notifications was made. Several Senators noted their continued frustration with student absences. Senators were encouraged to send President Szydluk the questions they wanted Art Munin to address.

X. President's Report –

A. Conference on Shared Governance – No report

B. Leadership Council – At their last meeting they heard university updates from Provost Koker, heard enrollment updates, learned that Damira Grady will be leaving campus in May, and learned that on May 19 we will be hosting a Sustainability Summit.

C. Board of Regents – The BOR approved a transfer agreement between UWO and Fox Valley Technical College. FVTC may offer enough credits to award an Associate degree. They approved the purchase of the Associated Bank building near Titan Stadium. This building will be home to the UWO marching band, and it will house storage and some coaching offices. The Vice President of UW System is stepping down. The Madison Chancellor search is down to their semifinalists. The System-wide proposed free speech survey has been postponed due to concerns about methodology.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Dutscheck, Recorder