

## **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

### **October 18, 2022**

Present: Belnap, Chrobak, Cole, Dilkes, Elannani, Feldman, Heath, Hersey, Jurmu, Krueger, Kurtz, Manning, Otto, Palmeri, Purse-Wiedenhoeft, Robson, Schmitt, Stuart, Szydluk, Tipps, Tirel, Wagoner, Weglarz, Williams, Wren

Excused: Kim, Loewenstein, Matson, Hudson

Absent:

Guests: Carmen Faymonville, Jennifer Christus, Mina Kuss, Seon-Yoon Chung

Administration Representative:	John Koker
Senate of Academic Staff Representative:	Brad Spanbauer
University Staff Senate Representative:	Brooke Berens
Oshkosh Student Association Representative:	Ben Blaser
Access Campus Report:	Jurmu/Tirel/Weglarz

#### **Minutes in Brief**

At the October 18, 2022 meeting of the Faculty Senate, we heard reports from the Senate of Academic Staff, the University Staff Senate, Oshkosh Student Association, and the Access Campuses. We approved the minutes of our October 4, 2022 meeting. Guest Dean Chung from the College of Nursing was welcomed and introduced. Action items included approval of several committee appointments and tabling of the Credit Hour Policy. The items from members included a discussion related to the maintenance of native vegetation areas on campus. Discussion items included a Vehicle Idling Policy, Handbook Transition to Online, and Strategic Planning Feedback. President Szydluk provided University Updates. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.

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

- I. Welcome – President Szydluk welcomed Senators and guests.
- II. Guest: CON Dean, Seon-Yoon Chung – Welcome and Introductions: President Szydluk welcomed Dean Chung to Senate. Dean Chung noted her appreciation for the invitation and shared her background and research as well her goals for the College of Nursing.
- III. State of the University
  - A. Senate of Academic Staff (Spanbauer) – Meeting highlights: Strategic Planning updates and feedback and handbook to website discussion and presentation. They are looking forward to Provost Koker attending their next meeting on enrollment and retention.
  - B. University Staff Senate (Burgbacher) – Meeting highlights: They meet tomorrow. Kim Langolf will follow up on the decision to keep custodial and grounds serviced on campus. They will also gather feedback for Strategic Planning.
  - C. OSA (McKearn) – Meeting highlights: They are requesting campus maps be generated that pinpoint all the blue lights and dark areas to improve safety on campus. Chancellor Leavitt will be doing a Safety Walk with the students next week, and they hope to have the maps to present to him at the walk. They are also frustrated with the lack of working clocks on campus.
  - D. Access Campus/Collegium – FOX (Tirel/Weglarz) – At their more recent Collegium meeting Strategic Planning and feedback was the main topic.
  - E. Access Campus/Collegium – FDL (Jurmu) – At their more recent Collegium they discussed Strategic Planning and Early Alert. They also encourage everyone to view the current Art display in their gallery.

- IV. Minutes of October 4, 2022  
The October 4, 2022 minutes stand approved as amended.
- V. Unfinished Business - None
- VI. New Business
  - A. Credits and Contact Hours Policy

**MOTION: Manning/Wren moved to approve the Credits and Contact Hours Policy.**  
**MOTION: Otto/Belnap moved to table the policy. 22 YES, 1 No, Passed to Table**  
**MOTION Tabled**

Discussion: Senators voiced concerns over the definition of “substantive interaction” that appears in the Appendix of the policy. This definition may need to be revised.

- B. Committee Appointments
  - 1. USP – CON: Jen Basler
  - 2. OCE Academic Council – Faculty Rep: Don Heath
  - 3. Senator Seat- Assessment Committee: VACANCY
  - 4. Registrar Search & Screen Faculty appointments: Joshua Garrison & Kathy Immel

**MOTION: Robson/Otto moved to approve the above filled committee appointments. 22 Yes, 1 Abstention. Passed**

**FS 2223-03 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointments: USP- Jen Basler; OCE Academic Council – Don Heath; Registrar Search & Screen – Joshua Garrison and Kathy Immel.**

- VII. Discussion Items
  - A. Vehicle Idling Policy – Brad Spanbauer shared that this policy helps campus align with our commitment to carbon neutrality. The policy is meant to be a reminder of the impacts of idling and serve as an educational and awareness item.
  - B. Handbook Transition to Online – Trevor Clementi requested to have the Senate recognize that the Handbook is now transitioned to the online website. This is important for the HLC visit. The new format includes a great search feature (all those that helped, and Trevor especially, were thanked).
  - C. Strategic Planning Feedback – Jennifer Christus gathered feedback from Senators. Suggestions included using just three pillars: innovation, opportunity and sustainability (and fitting the identity and culture goals with those pillars); crafting more language related to the liberal arts; and streamlining and synthesizing the plan to make it more digestible.
- VIII. Committee Reports – None
- IX. Information Items - None
- X. Items from Members –
  - A. Senator Feldman asked the Senate to consider action on the maintenance of native vegetation areas on the Oshkosh campus. Several of these areas are used for educational purposes and some faculty would like these areas maintained. Suggestions included more signage, inclusion in campus tours, and potential ‘adopt a garden’ ideas for colleagues that wish to work with Facilities and Grounds.

XI. President's Report – University Updates

1. Provost Administrative Staff – UWO news: A large agriculture company that manufactures liquid diesel from manure has hired three of our former students based on their biodigester experience.
2. The Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and Innovation Search will soon be complete. A verbal acceptance has been made; we are just awaiting a signed contract.
3. The Dean of the College of Business will have an offer made by the end of the week.
4. The Assistant Teaching Professor title for some academic staff roll-out didn't go smoothly. The Administration has been made aware of the problems and is working on it.
5. Kim Rivers, Rich Marshall, Elizabeth Whalley, and Jessica Spanbauer shared a presentation at Provost Admin Staff promoting Navigate to increase retention and student success. President Szydlik will ask them to present this at a future Senate meeting.
6. President Szydlik encouraged Senators to attend the Provost Summit this week. There are several great events and panel discussions planned.

**The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
April Dutscheck, Recorder