

## **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

### **February 7, 2023**

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

Excused: Schmitt

Absent:

Guests: Frank Braun, Seon Yoon Chung

Administration Representative:	John Koker
Senate of Academic Staff Representative:	Ane Carriveau
University Staff Senate Representative:	Lisa Mick
Oshkosh Student Association Representative:	McKearn - absent
Access Campus Report:	Jurmu/Tirel

#### **Minutes in Brief**

At the February 7, 2023, meeting of the Faculty Senate, we heard reports from the Senate of Academic Staff, the University Staff Senate, and the Access Campuses. We approved the minutes of our December 6, 2022, meeting. The new COB Dean, Dr. Frank Braun was introduced and welcomed. He shared background as well as his goals for his new position. Provost Koker provided University updates which focused on budget and plans for our financial situation. Action items included approving committee appointments to the USP Director Search Committee, and approving the Course and Credit Hour Policy, the Regular and Substantive Interaction Policy, and APC forms C (1 – 10). Discussion was held on the Recommendations from the Personnel Policies Committee. Information items included the vacancy of a senator seat on the Assessment Committee and an item from USP. President Szydluk provided University and System updates. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.

President Szydluk called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. The loss of an esteemed faculty member, Jim Simmons, was shared yesterday in a campus announcement and in an article in UW Oshkosh Today. President Szydluk noted Dr. Simmons's vast shared governance service in addition to his lengthy service in the Political Science department.

- I. Welcome – President Szydluk welcomed two new Senators: Returning Senator David Siemers and new Senator Warren Vaz.
- II. Guest: COB Dean, Frank Braun – Dean Braun shared his background, and expressed that he is looking forward to finding ways to be involved and engaged in both the University and community. He is looking forward to being part of UWO.
- III. University Update – Provost Koker – Provost gave an overview of the UWO budget, and our current financial status and discussed possible future actions. The return rate of freshman from fall to spring was 87% which is the best number since the pandemic. However, we have work to do.
- IV. State of the University
  - A. Senate of Academic Staff (Spanbauer) – They haven't met yet this semester, but at their meeting later this week, they will be considering Handbook changes that include rescinding three current chapters and revising another. They are also addressing several issues and concerns with the Teaching Assistant Professor title.
  - B. University Staff Senate (Mick) – At their last meeting, VC for Human Resources, Shawna Kuether, shared TTC follow-up and new Standard Operating

Procedures for campus. Reports were given and they held a discussion on their annual University Staff Professional Development Day that is in the beginning stages of planning. Lastly, they welcomed their newest Senator, Josh Christianson. They now have a fully seated Senate.

- C. OSA (McKearn) – No Report
- D. Access Campus/Collegium – FOX (Tirel/Vaz) – No Report this semester, however, in the last meeting of the fall semester their collegium endorsed the UWO Strategic Plan.
- E. Access Campus/Collegium – FDL (Jurmu) – No Report

V. Minutes of December 6, 2022

**The December 6, 2022, minutes stand approved as distributed.**

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. New Business

- A. USP Director Search faculty appointments: Jim Koch, Steve Szydlik, & Katrina Leininger

**MOTION: Wren/Tirel moved to approve the committee appointments. (26 Yes), (0 No), (0 No/Abstentions). Passed Unanimously**

**FS 2223-11 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointments: USP Director Search faculty appointments: Jim Koch, Steve Szydlik, & Katrina Leininger**

- B. Course and Credit Hour Policy

**MOTION: Heath/Belnap moved to approve the Course and Credit Hour Policy. (26 Yes), (0 No), (0 No/Abstentions). Passed Unanimously**

**FS 2223-12 The Faculty Senate approved the Course and Credit Hour Policy.**

- C. Regular and Substantive Interaction Policy

**MOTION: Belnap/Wren moved to approve the Regular and Substantive Interaction Policy.**

**MOTION: Robson/Stuart moved to amend the document by removing 'at regularly scheduled times' from part IV (25 Yes), (0 No), (0 No/Abstentions). Amendment Passed Unanimously**

**Call the Question on the original motion as amended. (25 Yes), (0 No), (0 No/Abstentions). Passed Unanimously**

**FS 2223-13 The Faculty Senate approved the Regular and Substantive Interaction Policy as amended.**

- D. APC Forms C
  1. CON: Accept 3 cr. Chemistry for requirement – BSN
  2. COLS: Applied Molecular Biology Certificate
  3. COB: Add Econ476 as option for research methods course requirement
  4. COB: Add Econ476 as requirement course- BS/BA EQ Emphasis
  5. COB: Add Econ476 & SCM455 as qualifying electives
  6. COB: MHR required course revisions for management majors

7. COLS: Music- revisions for the Music Industry Minor
8. COLS: WGS- add WGS 130 as elective to LGBTQ Studies Certificate
9. COLS: Journalism AD Minor revisions
10. COLS: Journalism PR Minor revisions
11. COLS: Kinesiology – BS in RS/MS in AT – 3+2 option for freshman

*ITEM 11 was pulled until a later meeting.*

**MOTION: Jurmu/Wren moved to approve items 1-10. (24 Yes), (0 No), (0 No/Abstentions). PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FS 2223-14 The Faculty Senate approved the following forms C from APC: (1) CON: Accept 3 cr. Chemistry for requirement – BSN; (2) COLS: Applied Molecular Biology Certificate; (3) COB: Add Econ476 as option for research methods course requirement; (4) COB: Add Econ476 as requirement course- BS/BA EQ Emphasis; (5) COB: Add Econ476 & SCM455 as qualifying electives; (6) COB: MHR required course revisions for management majors;(7) COLS: Music- revisions for the Music Industry Minor; (8) COLS: WGS- add WGS 130 as elective to LGBTQ Studies Certificate; (9) COLS: Journalism AD Minor revisions; (10) COLS: Journalism PR Minor revisions**

VIII. Discussion Items

- A. Recommendations from the Personnel Policies Committee – Senator Cole covered the recommendations the committee has presented. Senators had a lengthy discussion on the IAS voting rights for department chair.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Senator Jurmu – The Improvement of Instruction Committee has met several times and is working on how SOS should be used in departments when evaluating instructors, how to get information off the dashboard, and accessibility issues. If you have any input please feel free to share it with Senator Jurmu.

X. Information Items

- A. USP: Q3 -Astronomy for Everyone
- B. Senator Seat- Assessment Committee: VACANCY

XI. Items from Members – None

XII. President's Report – University Updates

- A. Board of Regents -- At their last meeting held on December 13 the BOR approved the UW System Strategic Plan, and they discussed the closing of the UW Richland campus (acknowledging the students protesting). Both President Rothman and Governor Evers spoke at the meeting, and it was encouraging to hear Governor Evers affirm the importance of the liberal arts. He also encouraged everyone to work with their local politicians and to build relationships.
- B. Faculty Representatives – At their meeting, Faculty Reps discussed the results of the Free Speech Survey, and discussed a legislative bill that could narrow the distinction between System schools and the technical colleges and mandate uniform course numbering. President Rothman said that the Strategic Plan will focus first on mobility and the WI workforce. UW System is working on a policy related to intellectual property and another policy focused on Faculty

Professional Development (President Szydlik is a member of the committee that will update that second policy).

**The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.** Respectfully submitted, April Dutscheck, Recorder