

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 14, 2023

Present: Alnsour, Belnap, Cole, Elannani, Feldman, Graf, Groves, Gutow, Harris, Hudson, Kim, Kreider, Kurtz, Loiacono, Manning, Otto Panske, Purse-Wiedenhoeft, Robson, Schmitt, Stuart, Szydlik, Tipps, Wagoner, Williams

Excused: Fuller

Absent: Matson

Guests: Chancellor Leavitt, Anne Stevens, Ane Carriveau, Karl Boehler

Administration Representative:	Provost Martini
Senate of Academic Staff Representative:	Bobbi-Jean Ludwig
University Staff Senate Representative:	Lisa Mick - excused
Oshkosh Student Association Representative:	Caprice Swanks
FDL/FOX Cities Campus Reports:	Harris/Kreider

Minutes in Brief

At the November 14, 2023, meeting of the Faculty Senate, we heard a report from the Senate of Academic Staff, the Oshkosh Student Government, and the Access Campuses. The minutes of the October 31, 2023, Faculty Senate meeting were approved. Action Items included committee appointments and a form C that had been tabled at the previous meeting. There were no Discussion items, and the Information Items included results of the COB special election, the Faculty Senate executive committee response to 3 October Chancellor and Provost Response to the 14 August FSEC Budget Questions, and APC Action Item – Contextual documents. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.

President Manning called the meeting to order at 3:11 pm.

- I. Welcome – President Manning welcomed everyone to today’s meeting.
- II. Guest – Chancellor Leavitt – University Updates
Chancellor shared updates that included a summary of the past difficult couple of months that we are all very aware of. Factors that impacted and led to the layoff decision, the layoff numbers, future of the FOX campus, FTE and student numbers for the FOX campus, and then he answered questions from Senators. Topics included: Concerns of not hiring faculty lines that are critical; appreciation for today’s transparency; fears of disempowering shared governance; the difference in cost per student from the access campuses compared to the Oshkosh campus; tenure lines from the FDL campus that will be offered a position at the Oshkosh campus; and what benchmark data we would use moving forward.
- III. State of the University
 - A. Senate of Academic Staff (Ludwig) – Highlights: Chancellor Leavitt was their guest, sharing university updates similar to those shared today; the Chancellor’s updates and responses to questions took up the vast majority of the meeting.
 - B. University Staff Senate (Mick) – Highlights: No report
 - C. OSG (Swanks) – No Senate working news, but on their horizon is the creation of a new university-wide committee and a new student engagement committee.
 - D. Access Campus/Collegium – FOX (Kreider) – Highlights: have met, and it was mostly informational and discussion. Appreciation for and interest in BOR meetings.
 - E. Access Campus/Collegium – FDL (Harris) – Highlights: They had an attorney come to their campus to help with closure questions related to inventory and wrapping up prior to their closure.
- IV. Minutes of October 31, 2023

The October 31, 2023, minutes stand approved as distributed.

V. Action Items

- A. Committee Appointments – Distinguished Teaching Award: Eli Kalman (FAPA) & Sarinda Taengnoi (COB)

MOTION: Robson/Schmitt moved to approve the committee appointments. (23 Yes), (0 No), (0 Abstentions). Passed Unanimously

**FS 2324-10 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointments:
Distinguished Teaching Award: Eli Kalman & Sarinda Taengnoi.**

- B. APC – Tabled Item from 10-31-2023 – Form C

MOTION: Gutow/Kurtz moved to bring the item off the table. (23 Yes), (0 No), (0 Abstentions). Passed Unanimously

Discussion included: Senator Loiacono thanked Dean Stevens for sharing documents and for the timeline. He shared the concerns from the History department and feedback from their division. Senators discussed waiting to vote, with the future of the USP Program being discussed, transfer students, continued key advising, and discussing whether this Form C followed due process and importance of respecting the process, which specifies that Forms C be initiated by faculty.

MOTION: Kurtz/Gutow moved to approve the tabled item: COLS: BA/BS degree requirements. (16 Yes), (5 No), (0 Abstentions). Passed

FS 2324-11 The Faculty Senate approved the following Form C: COLS: BA/BS degree requirements.

VI. Discussion Items – None

VII. Committee Reports – None

VIII. Information Items *[In One Drive for Senators]*

- A. Election Results: COB Special Election - Fall 2023 – David Fuller welcomed at the next meeting
- B. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Response to 3 October Chancellor and Provost Response to 14 August FSEC Budget Questions
- C. APC Action Item – Contextual documents
1. 2023 – Dept of History – Response to COLS Form C BA-BS F23
 2. 2023 – Timeline – BA-BS Degree Requirements Form C
 3. 2018 – Report of the BA Working Committee
 4. 2018 – BA Working Group L&S Council (Power Point Presentation)
 5. 2018 – BS Degree Working Group Report to COLS Dean

IX. Items from Members

- A. Senator Loiacono inquired about the rumor related to faculty pay being directly impacted if classes are under-enrolled. The Provost responded with an affirmation that that option is a last resort for next academic year, but nothing will change for the spring semester. It was noted that faculty have a lot of anxiety about this issue and would appreciate any updates on the topic. The executive committee will be discussing this and report back.

- B. Senator Robson expressed her gratitude for all the years of working with great colleagues, and for all the work done this year already by President Manning and the Executive Committee. She will be retiring in January and it's been an honor to serve on Senate for so many years.
- X. President's Report
- A. Conference on Shared Governance – In addition to their weekly meetings including all shared governance leadership, Chancellor Leavitt, Provost Martini (etc.) and twice-monthly meetings with shared governance leadership, shared governance leaders have started meeting with the Deans to increase and enable communication about college-level updates, as well as updates about planning and restructuring. Topics discussed at their first meeting included academic department associates and their heavy workloads moving forward with all the layoffs and what Shared Service Models could look like
 - B. Provost Administrative Staff – President Manning reported to PAS the feedback from the USP listening session recently held. The listening session was productive, insightful, and provided useful input; notes about that meeting have been circulated. The Provost also committed to work with Faculty Senate Executive Committee in assembling and charging a USP Task Force. Nikki Stoll also shared a presentation on the offerings of the Bookstore, and she has asked Nikki to present to Faculty Senate at a meeting in the Spring. Finally Michael Bartlett shared an update on the Online Portal Project that is in the Phase 1 of collecting data.
 - C. Leadership Council – Updates were shared from the Provost on the Academic Program process that included a goal to have the draft plan out by the end of the semester, and a finalized plan by February 20th.
 - D. President Manning reminded everyone that they are encouraged to contract their district legislators but reminded Senators that university employees may not use university resources to contact legislators or contact them during the employee's work hours without ensuring that time off is accounted for.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Dutscheck,
Recorder