

## Minutes of the November Session of the Faculty Senate

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The Faculty Senate held the November session on Thursday, November 9, 2023, in PSU 313. Chair Beth Walker called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: A.M. Baker for Sarah Nixon, RFT.

Absences: Christopher Collins, CM; Kristen Thornton, ACC; Alex Hamwi, MK; Melinda Hammerschmidt, GL; Albert Barreda, HL; and Richard Belshoff, MA.

Guests: Amber Abernathy, Graduate Council; Michael Hudson, Parliamentarian; Katrina Chavez, Registrar; Angela Young, Registrar; Tammy Jahnke, Dean, CNAS; Libby Rozell, COB; and Ben Beranek, FERM, COB.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction to the October minutes: Richard Belshoff, Mathematics, was present.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, at 3:30 p.m. (location TBD).
2. If you are a committee chair, please use the appropriate Faculty Senate folders in the Faculty Senate SharePoint folder.
3. Academic Facility Tour Kickoff was last week.
4. November 17 – Artificial Intelligence Conversations for Faculty – register through My Learning Connection.
5. FCTL – Brightspace Open Labs.
6. November 10 – Veterans Day Breakfast and Taps Project – Plaster Student Union.

### DISCUSSION WITH HONORS COLLEGE TASK FORCE

Tamera Jahnke, Dean of CNAS, led the discussion reporting on sessions with faculty and students.

Recommendations are due to the Provost by February 2024. Dr. Jahnke answered questions from the Senate.

### VOTING ON FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATION

The Faculty Senate voted for Proposal 1: Grandfather. The Committee of Past Chairs and the Faculty Senate Office will organize Senate representation and proceed with the election process for spring 2024 under this model.

### ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

New Program: **Leadership, Learning, and Educational Change**

Moved by Senator Ximena Uribe Zarain

**APPROVED: SA 18-23/24**

New Program: **STEM MBA**

Moved by Senator Andrew Albritton

Discussion.

Senator Elizabeth Williamson made a motion to call the question.

**Motion passed.**

**APPROVED: SA 19-23/24**

Delete Program: **Economics BS (Non-Comprehensive)**

Moved by Senator Tim Flannery

**APPROVED: SA 20-23/24**

New Interdisciplinary Program: **Astrogeology Certificate**

Moved by Senator Mike Reed

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussion on administrative surveys and survey results.

Chair Walker discussed the Ombudsperson position issues brought up in the October session and reported on research. There was discussion on future plans.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Senator Whisenhunt expressed her department's discussion in wanting external evaluators in tenure and promotion to be considered.

SGA rep Sam Wang introduced himself.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Melinda Novik  
Secretary of the Faculty

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