

Minutes of the April Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the April session on Thursday, April 10, 2025, in the PSU 313. Chair Scott Zimmerman called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: None.

Absences: Aaron Sauer, Technology & Construction Management; Babur Mirza, Biology; Cyren Rico, Chemistry & Biochemistry; and Adam McGee, Plant Science, Natural Resources & Animal Science.

Guests: Jamie C. Atkinson, Committee on Rules; Patrick Ransdell, Athletics; Kara Wolfe, School of Hospitality & Agriculture Leadership; Mitzi Kirkland-Ives, FHRC; Colby Jennings, Art & Design; Angela Young, Registrar; Alan Schick, Graduate Council; and Rachel Besara, Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 2025 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. (location TBD).
- Chair Zimmerman thanked the 2024-2025 Faculty Senate, Katrina Chavez, and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

CANDIDATE FORM FOR 2025-26 CHAIR-ELECT AND SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY

Chair-Elect Nominee Heidi Backes gave her candidate statement.

With no other candidate nominations, the Senate elected Heidi Backes by rule.

Secretary of the Faculty Nominee Kim Finch gave her candidate statement.

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REPORT FROM PATRICK RANDELL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Patrick Ransdell presented the report on intercollegiate athletics in higher education.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Senator Bonnie Slavych/Communication Sciences & Disorders

New Program: Communication Sciences and Disorders Minor

APPROVED: SA 13/24-25

Senator Rebecca Woodard/Kinesiology

New Program: Global Soccer Performance and Leadership Undergraduate Certificate

APPROVED: SA 14/24-25

Senator Albert Barreda/Hospitality & Agriculture Leadership

New Program: Tourism Management Comprehensive, BS

APPROVED: SA 15/24-25

Senator Albert Barreda Hospitality & Agriculture Leadership

New Program: Tourism Management Non-Comprehensive, BS

APPROVED: SA 16/24-25

REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Senator Liggett made a motion to move to quasi-committee of the whole. Motion approved unanimously.

Mitzi Kirkland-Ives, FHRC Chair, presented the report.

Discussion.

The final report with edits will be presented for the May meeting.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Chair Atkinson presented the report. The work will continue over the summer. Chair Zimmerman encouraged senators interested in joining the committee to reach out to Chair Atkinson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senator Fatih Benzer/Art and Design

New Program: New Media Arts Certificate

APPROVED: SA 17/24-25

Senator Fatih Benzer/Art and Design

New Program: New Media Arts Minor

APPROVED: SA 18/24-25

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Kim Finch

Secretary of the Faculty

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