

Minutes of the March Session of the Faculty Senate

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

Substitutes: Kennedy Ongaga for Judith Martinez, Assistant Professor Rep; Lanya Lamouria for Margaret Weaver, English; Melissa Penkalski for Shelly Carter, Nursing; SBR for Mahua Mitra, Economics; and Seth Hoelscher for Puneet Prakash, Finance & Risk Management.

Absences: Wajeana White, Instructor Rep; Fei Wang, Chemistry; Michael Reed, PAMS; Drew Minnis, SGA Rep; Kelsi Opat, Agribusiness, Education & Communications; Melinda Hammerschmidt, Greenwood Lab School; Jennifer Lowenthal Hershey, Information Technology & Cybersecurity; and Tara Boehne, Occupational Therapy.

Guests: Marci Dowdy, CLSE; Liza Cobos, Hosp. Leadership; Holly Holladay, MJF; Katrina Chavez, OOR; Angela Young, OOR; Julie Masterson, Grad College; Kelly Wood, Student Success; Elizabeth King, Grad Council Chair; Will McClain, FHRC; Luis Perez, COB; John Jasinski, Provost; and Zora Mulligan, Executive Vice President.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, at 3:30 PM. The location is to be determined.
2. The call for nominations for faculty teaching awards from the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning are open until March 10, 2023. Please nominate faculty (i.e., full-time faculty and per-course instructors) you believe demonstrate excellence in teaching and teaching-related activities. Nominees will be asked to provide a short teaching statement along with some supporting documentation. The [Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning web page](#) provides more information about the Faculty Teaching Excellence Awards.
3. The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning Advisor Council is inviting faculty to submit Showcase proposals highlighting their teaching practices as well as other topics that would appeal to faculty across all disciplines and levels of experience. The [Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning web page](#) provides more information about this call for proposals.
4. If you are not yet aware, the university has approved/purchased new software for managing the undergraduate and graduate catalogs as well as new curricular proposal software. These two software programs are linked; however, the catalog software must be implemented first. We are hoping to have more information about the implementation of this first software program later in the summer.
5. If a new representative was needed, each academic department should have already conducted its election for their departmental rep to the Faculty Senate. We will also be conducting primary elections for the associate professor rank representative from March 17-27. This will be an online election, so please keep an eye out for this notification. From March 29 to April 7, we will conduct the general election for the associate professor rank representative.

SENATE DISCUSSION WITH EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ZORA MULLIGAN, PROVOST JOHN JASINSKI, AND DEAN MARK SMITH

Vice President Mulligan discussed positive numbers for enrollment for fall and SOAR enrollment; student success and advising. Provost Jasinski provided updates on perfecting and understanding our academic enrollment and measurement system; the curricular workflow process; the academic hiring process; faculty equity adjustment process and after-action review; learning management system; the faculty survey is open until March 10th; data collection on Phase 2; and Faculty and Staff excellence. The Provost recognized senators who have been promoted.

FACULTY STUDENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION ELECTION

Secretary Melinda Novik gave directions for the voting process and distributed the ballots.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES

Seth Hoelscher, committee chair, presented the report.

The committee proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

William McClain, committee chair, presented the report.

Proposed Amendment for Faculty Handbook Policy- 4.5.1.2 Meeting Classes

Senator Williamson made the motion for the amendment to Policy 4.5.1.2.

The policy amendment was accepted by unanimous consent.

Proposed Amendment for Faculty Handbook Policy- 4.5.1.3 Course Policy Statements

Senator Lamouria made the motion for Policy 4.5.1.3.

The policy amendment was accepted by unanimous consent.

Proposed Amendment for Faculty Handbook Policy- 4.5.1.4 Emergency Response Information

Senator Troche made the motion for Policy 4.5.1.4.

The policy amendment was accepted by unanimous consent.

Proposal for New Faculty Handbook Policy: Add to Section 4.5.1.

4.5.1.10. University-wide Learning Management System

All faculty members shall use the university-wide learning management system to provide an electronic copy of the course syllabus and schedule, communicate class cancellations and schedule changes, and post student grades.

Senator Zimmerman made the motion for policy 4.5.1.10

The policy addition passed.

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE NEW REYNOLDS COLLEGE

Senator Indira Palacios-Valladares read the Resolution to Rename the New Reynolds College.

The Resolution passed.

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PRESENTATION FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Walker, Faculty Senate chair-elect, presented the nominations.

Scott Zimmerman, Biomedical Sciences, was nominated for chair-elect.

Melinda Novik was nominated to serve a second term as Secretary of the Faculty.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

New Program: **Human Services - Minor**

Moved by *Senator Michele Brown/School of Social Work*

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New Program: **Culture, Literature and Media – Non-comprehensive Undergraduate Major, Bachelor of Arts**

Moved by *Senator Leonard Horton/Media, Journalism & Film*

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New Program: **Culture, Literature and Media – Non-comprehensive Undergraduate Major, Bachelor of Science**

Moved by *Senator Leonard Horton/Media, Journalism & Film*

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New Program: **Event Planning – Undergraduate Certificate**
Moved by *Senator Albert Barreda/Hospitality Leadership*
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Delete Program: **Financial Planning – Undergraduate Certificate**
Moved by *Senator Seth Hoelscher/Finance & Risk Management*
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following were elected to the Faculty Student Judicial Commission.
Sherri Ramirez, NUR, MCHHS
Micheal Foster, TD, RCOAL
Micki Pulleyking, REL, CHPA

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee on Judicial Review met on three charges. Chair Hudson reviewed with the Senate the charges assigned to the committee, the committee's decisions to these charges, and proposed next steps from these decisions. There was time for Senate discussion after presenting the report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hudson adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Melinda Novik
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 28-22/23

Adopted by Senate on March 9, 2023

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Right of Challenge Expires April 12, 2023

New Program: Human Services - Minor

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Faculty Senate Resolution to Rename the New Reynolds College

Whereas, as part of the university's realignment process, the Colleges of Humanities and Public Affairs and Arts and Letters will be merged into the new Reynolds College of Arts and Humanities;

Whereas, the social sciences are academic disciplines that use scientific research methods and offer student training that is distinct from the arts and humanities;

Whereas, the proposed name for the new college excludes the term social sciences and, thus, misidentifies the social science departments currently housed in the College of Humanities and Public Affairs; and

Whereas, the exclusion of the term social sciences will lower the visibility of those departments and, thus, affect their relation to donors, identity in the larger community, and efforts to recruit and retain students' and high-quality faculty; therefore

Be it resolved, the Faculty Senate requests that the future Reynolds College of Arts and Humanities be renamed the Reynolds College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.