

Minutes of the March Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the March session on Thursday, March 10, 2022, in PSU 313. Chair Chris Herr called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Cynthia MacGregor served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Matthew Calihman for Mitzi Kirkland-Ives, Professor Rep; Sam Dyer, Jr. for Charlene Berquist, COM; and Lisa Hall for Melissa Fallone, PSY.

Absences: Jerri Lynn Kyle, Instructor Rep; Fatih Benzer, A&D; Richard Johnson, ITC; Christina Simmers, MK; Ashlea Cardin, OT; David Claborn, PHSM; Lloyd Smith, CS; Patrick Scott, PS; Wenping Qiu, EPS; and Michael Chapman, SGA Rep.

Guests: Seth Hoelscher, Rules/FGB; Missy Penkalski, Grad Council Chair; Fei Wang, Chemistry; Joshua Lambert, Library; Pamela Correll, RFT; Angela Young, Registrar; Julie Masterson, Grad College; and Katrina Chavez, Registrar.

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. This meeting will be held in the PSU Ballroom East.
2. Senators are reminded—and we ask you to remind your constituents—that the primary elections for rank representatives to Senate will begin Friday, March 18. Ballots will be open through Monday, March 28, 2022. Voting takes place anonymously online. Each group of ranked faculty receives their ballot link and instructions via email. The rank representatives up for election this year are Professor, Assistant Professor, Senior Instructor, Instructor, and Clinical Faculty.
After the primaries are concluded, the Faculty Senate Rank Representatives General Election will be held Wednesday, March 30, through Friday, April 8, 2022. The Secretary of the Faculty will notify the new Faculty Senate rank representatives by the week of April 11th. The organizational session of the 2022-23 Faculty Senate will take place beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022.
3. The Counseling Center wants faculty to be aware of new resources recently put in place to assist underrepresented students. Nia Morgan and Divya Thakkar are both newly hired Diversity Initiatives Mental Health Clinicians. The positions were created with the purpose of enhancing counseling and outreach efforts for underrepresented students. If you have questions or would like more information, you can reach out directly to Rhonda Lesley in the Counseling Center. I also hope to have Rhonda, Nia, and Divya present to Senate briefly at our April session.

REPORT FROM NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Chair-elect, Mike Hudson, announced that Senator Beth Walker, DCOA, is nominated for Chair-elect and Melinda Novik, MCHHS, is nominated for Secretary of the Faculty.

Nominations are due to the Secretary of the Faculty no later than April 1.

Chair-elect Hudson thanked the members of the nominating committee.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON FACULTY CONCERNS

Pamela Correll, committee chair, presented the report.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES

Seth Hoelscher, committee chair, presented the report on Charges 1, 2, 3A, 3B, and 5.

Charge 1 – Changes to the EPPC.

Charge 2 – Origination of proposals through the Curricular Action Workflow – the committee does not recommend changes to the Bylaws.

Charge 3A – Remove the distinction between substantive and non-substantive curricular proposals.

Motion to remove the distinction between substantive and non-substantive curricular proposals.

Senator Weaver made a motion to correct a typo in the year in the text. The motion passed.

The motion to remove the Substantive distinction in curricular actions passed.

Internal Senate Action 1-21/22

Charge 3B – Make 26 removals of substantive and non-substantive in the Constitution and Bylaws where it is directly tied to curricular action.

Charge 5 – Clarify the role of academic relations. The committee recommends no changes to the Bylaws. The committee recommends the FSEC form an adhoc committee for academic concerns.

Charge 1 will be voted on in the April session.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Joshua Lambert, committee member, presented the report.

The Senate approved the changes to section 3.11.

VOTE ON CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

Charge 4: Approved

Charge 6: Approved

Charge 7: Approved

ELECTION FOR FACULTY STUDENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Secretary of the Faculty, Lanya Lamouria conducted the election and the three new FSJC members elected are:

Isabelle Bauman, Communication, RCOAL

Jeffrey Cornelius-White, Counseling, Leadership & Special Education, COE

Jeremy Neely, History, CHPA

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Delete Program: Financial Planning BA and BS

Moved by Senator Puneet Prakash, Finance & General Business

SA 35-21/22

New Program: Financial Planning Undergraduate Certificate

Moved by Senator Puneet Prakash, Finance & General Business

SA 36-21/22

New Program: Public Relations Undergraduate Certificate

Moved by Senator Sam Dyer, Communication

SA 37-21/22

New Program: Acting on Camera Undergraduate Certificate
Moved by Senator Kyle Thomas, Theatre & Dance
SA 38-21/22

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Herr adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Lanya Lamouria
Secretary of the Faculty

**Internal Senate Action to Remove Substantive Distinction from Curricular Actions
Recommended by the Faculty Senate Committee on Rules**

Whereas, the Faculty Senate Committee on Rules was charged to investigate the distinction between substantive and non-substantive curricular items; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate Committee on Rules has found no current value in the distinction established by Senate Action 11-93/94 from 1993; and

Whereas, the periodicity for courses, a characteristic labeled non-substantive by Senate Action 11-93/94, is now handled in an expedited manner separate from the complete curricular review process; and

Whereas, the differentiation between substantive and non-substantive provided by Senate Action 11-93/94 was found to be ambiguous by a review of the Faculty Senate Committee on Rules; and

Whereas, the investigation for this charge revealed that this ambiguous distinction between substantive and non-substantive is creating inconsistent review of curricular items by various faculty committees and councils;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the distinction between substantive and non-substantive curricular items be dropped; and

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the question asking about such a distinction be removed from all online forms within the Curricular Action Workflow (CAW).

Senate Action 35-20/21

Adopted by Senate on March 10, 2022

Faculty Senate Chair Must Be Notified of Intent to Challenge By: March 25, 2022
Right of Challenge Expires April 14, 2022

Delete Program: Financial Planning BA and BS

Senate Action 36-20/21

Adopted by Senate on March 10, 2022

Faculty Senate Chair Must Be Notified of Intent to Challenge By: March 25, 2022
Right of Challenge Expires April 14, 2022

New Program: Financial Planning Undergraduate Certificate

Senate Action 37-20/21

Adopted by Senate on March 10, 2022

Faculty Senate Chair Must Be Notified of Intent to Challenge By: March 25, 2022
Right of Challenge Expires April 14, 2022

New Program: Public Relations Undergraduate Certificate

Senate Action 38-20/21

Adopted by Senate on March 10, 2022

Faculty Senate Chair Must Be Notified of Intent to Challenge By: March 25, 2022
Right of Challenge Expires April 14, 2022

New Program: Acting on Camera Undergraduate Certificate