

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2023
1:30-3:00pm (UC 251)

Senators: Dr. Vikram Bhaduria, Dr. Brian Billings, Dr. Jaime Cantrell, Dr. Joy Cooper (Secretary/Parliamentarian), Dr. LuzMary Rincon, Dr. Sara Lawrence, Dr. Brian Matthews, Dr. Sheila Moore, Dr. Craig M Nakashian (President), Dr. James Nguyen (absent), Dr. Godpower Okereke, Dr. Sebastian Schmidl, Dr. Kevin Williams (Vice-President), Dr. Faycal Znidi

- I. Call to Order...1:32.....Dr. Craig M Nakashian
- II. President’s Report.....Dr. Ross Alexander
 - a. Dr. Alexander welcomed questions and comments.
 - b. There was discussion around the vision, discussion, and potential proposals surrounding new colleges and transfer student scholarships to attack growth.
- III. Provost and VPAA’s Report.....Dr. Melinda Arnold
 - a. No Provost/VPAA Report
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 09/08/2023.....Dr. Craig M Nakashian
 - a. Minutes from 9/08/2023 were approved and adopted without objection (11-0-0)
- V. President of Faculty Senate Report.....Dr. Craig M Nakashian
 - a. Dr. Nakashian reported that Faculty Senate Executive council meeting with Dr. Arnold in September
 - b. Dr. Nakasian announced that particular IT concerns can be brought to Deans, Dr. Arnold or Faculty Senate.
- VI. Committee Reports & Business Items
 - a. Curriculum Committee..... Dr. Godpower Okereke
 - i. Modality addition to BA/BS in History, BS in Political Science, MS in History.
 1. It was announced that Curriculum Committee recommended adopting the modality addition to BA/BS. Senate adopted (11-0-0)
 - ii. Doctorate of Nurse Practice Proposal
 1. Discussed that Curriculum Committee endorsed the Nurse Practice Proposal. Senate adopted the proposal (11-0-0)
 - iii. BAAS to BS in Leadership Proposal
 1. Dr. Nakashian reported that the Curriculum Committee did not recommend approving the degree designation from BAAS to a BS in Leadership. The committees reasoning and response from Dr. Myers was discussed. Senate voted to uphold the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee (reject the degree changes) (8-2-2)

- b. Core Curriculum Assessment.....Dr. Faycal Znidi
 - i. Reported nothing other than the committee is established.
- c. Educational Technology.....Dr. Kevin Williams
 - i. Nothing to report.
- d. Academic Rules & Procedures.....Dr. Craig M Nakashian
 - i. Faculty Evaluation of Academic Administrators
 - 1. Dr. Nakashian discussed the idea and consideration of faculty having the opportunity to evaluate faculty leadership. Discussion ensued. Proposal was approved (11-0-1).
 - ii. Bylaws revisions for specific Faculty Senate committees
 - 1. Discussion ensued regarding prescribed bylaw guidance to respective committees and which committees handles certain situations. Dr. Nakashian will work with committee chairs to work out the roles and member criteria.
 - iii. Department Chairs on Faculty Senate
 - 1. After discussion, it was decided to hold town hall meetings for faculty input.
 - iv. Full-time, non-tenure-track representatives on senate
 - 1. Discussed as including the idea in the upcoming town hall meetings.
 - v. Faculty Senate Committee list
 - 1. Senate committee list was viewed approved without objection.
- e. Academic Standards.....Dr. Sheila Moore
 - i. Committee is discussing standards and guidelines for committee's charge. Nothing else to report.
- f. Faculty Welfare.....Dr. Joy Cooper
 - i. Minnie J. Piper Award Nomination- Dr. Corrine Hinton
 - 1. Senate approved the committee's recommendation of Dr. Hinton (11-0-0)
- g. FRED.....Dr. Jaime Cantrell
 - i. Approval of funding request for Dr. Md. Nizam Uddin.
 - ii. Committee recommend Dr. Uddin's proposal. Senate approved (10-0-1). There was also discussion regarding educating new faculty that FRED funds are intended to supplement professional funds.
- h. Budget Committee.....Dr. James Nguyen
 - i. Nothing to report.

VII. Old Business

- a. Faculty Handbook.....Dr. Sara Lawrence
 - i. Dr. Lawrence reported corresponding with chairs regarding reviewing potential handbook models from various universities. Chairs are sharing with their respective faculty for review.
- b. Preservation of committee agendas/minutes
 - i. Dr. Nakashian has created electronic folders for committee chairs to upload documents, meetings, and minutes.

VIII. New Business

IX. Next regular meeting of Faculty Senate- Friday, November 10, 2023 at 1:30pm in UC 251

X. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m. -----Dr. Craig Nakashian