



*Faculty Senate*

December 2, 2020

Meeting Minutes

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*Note: The remarks of the senators and others are summarized and not verbatim. The recording of this meeting is available in the Faculty Senate Recorder's office.*

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(A moment of silence was observed for our colleague, Will Lyerly)

**PRESENT:** Subhajit Chakraborty, Bong Jeong, Robert Killins, Arlise McKinney, Leann Mischel, Lorraine Runion, Jake Voegel, James Davis, Suzanne Horn, Susan Foley, Cheng-Yuan Lee, Nilo Ramos, Jim Arendt, Ellen Arnold, Aneilya Barnes, Elizabeth Baltus, Susan Bergeron, Adam Chamberlain, Jeffry Halverson, Steven Hamelman, Kyle Holody, Emma Howes, Drew Kurlowski, Alejandro Munoz-Garces, John Navin, Kate Oestreich, Shari Orisch, Kimberly Schumacher, Dory Sibley, Don Sloan, Renee Smith, Benjamin Sota, Frederick Wood, Min Ye, Miranda Brenneman, Brian Bunton, Wanda Dooley, Kelly Elliot, Menassie Ephrem, Diane Fribance, Clint Fuchs, Paul Gayes, Siming Guo, Kelly Johnson, Jakob Lauver, Brian Lee, Justin Lovich, Amber McWilliams, Susan Montenery, Michael Murphy, Tally Wright, Kerry Schwanz, Doug Van Hoewyk, Matthew Wilkinson, Daniel Williams, Lisa Winters, Sara Rich, Ina Seethaler, Ariana Baker, Allison Faix, Holley Tankersley

**SUBSTITUTIONS:** Sara Brallier for Lisa Winters, Wendy Weinhold for Andrea Bergstrom

**ABSENT:** Jessica Doll, Andy Weinbach, David Duncan, Steven Bleicher, James Everett

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The November 4, 2020 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The December 2, 2020 consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

**PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

President DeCenzo:

- President DeCenzo wished all a happy holiday. Students left campus before Thanksgiving and will not return until after the Christmas break. The entire campus should be congratulated for avoiding a major shutdown due to COVID-19.
- DeCenzo thanked everyone for the past thirteen years of his presidency and for bringing the University where it is today. A lot of people will be missed upon his retirement.

Provost Ennis:

- Provost Ennis shared an admission's report on retention. Regarding freshman retention, from fall 2020 to spring 2021, the University currently has 82% of returning freshmen. This is only slightly down from fall 2019 to spring 2020, where the returning freshmen were at 89%.
- Overall retention from fall 2020 to spring 2021, as of today, sits at 86%. This is remarkable considering the pandemic and the challenges everyone has faced.
- The fall 2021 application update, as of today, has freshmen applications down 14.4%. However, new freshman applications are coming in heavily day-by-day. This past week, 622 applications came in. Compare this to the same week last year which only saw 300 applications.

Chief of Staff Overton:

- The previous wireless network, CCUnwired, is being replaced by eduroam. All campus personnel and students can use their CCU credentials to access eduroam's wireless global services anywhere it is accessible.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Brian Bunton, Chair, reported the following:

- Approval of undergraduate administrative actions 7-9 and memoranda 4-5 from the November 4, 2020 meeting.
- AAUP's CCU Resolution was shared with the senators.



AAUP CCU  
Resolution

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Academic Affairs Committee

Faculty Senator Drew Kurlowski moved for unanimous consent to approve the four motions regarding changes to the Engineering Science, B.S., as one. **The motion passed.** See the December 2, 2020 consent agenda for full details of this motion.

- 1-4. Motion for change(s) in an undergraduate program – Engineering Science, B.S. **The motion passed (55 in favor, 2 not in favor).**

5. Motion to modify the language regarding Transitional Studies in the undergraduate and graduate catalogs. **The motion passed (55 in favor, 2 not in favor).**

B. Graduate Council

1. Motion for change(s) in a graduate program – Master of Business Administration, M.B.A. **The motion passed (54 in favor, 1 not in favor).**

C. Tracy Keller, Director of Athletic Advising, presented.

D. Dr. Mark Mitchell, NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative

- Dr. Mitchell spoke on student-athletes and their impact on the university. To view Dr. Mitchell's full report, please view the below presentation.



Student-Athlete  
Presentation

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A foundation has been set-up in the memory of Will Lyerly to support Kinesiology students. It is ID# 2470.
- Two in-person graduations will take place, December 11<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Fall grades are due December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m.
- There will not be a Faculty Senate meeting in January. This is replaced by the General Faculty Meeting that occurs next month.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Lydia Deeck, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Brian Bunton, Faculty Senate Chair