



*Faculty Senate*

March 3, 2021

Meeting Minutes

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**PRESENT:** Subhajit Chakraborty, Jessica Doll, Bong Jeong, Robert Killins, Arlise McKinney, Leann Mischel, Jake Voegel, Andy Weinbach, James Davis, Suzanne Horn, Susan Foley, Cheng-Yuan Lee, Nilo Ramos, Jim Arendt, Ellen Arnold, Aneilya Barnes, Elizabeth Baltes, Susan Bergeron, Andrea Bergstrom, Steven Bleicher, Adam Chamberlain, Jeffry Halverson, Steven Hamelman, Kyle Holody, Emma Howes, Drew Kurlowski, John Navin, Kate Oestreich, Shari Orisch, Kimberly Schumacher, Dory Sibley, Philip Whalen, Don Sloan, Frederick Wood, Min Ye, Miranda Brenneman, Brian Bunton, Wanda Dooley, David Duncan, Kelly Elliot, Menassie Ephrem, Diane Fribance, Clint Fuchs, 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:** Robin Russell for Benjamin Sota, Logan Woodle for Elizabeth Baltes

**ABSENT:** Lorraine Runion, Paul Gayes, James Everett, Alejandro Munoz-Garces

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The February 3, 2021 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The March 3, 2021 consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

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

President Benson:

- President Benson announced that all faculty and staff of the University would be classified in category 1B for the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out. The University will be partnering with Conway Medical Center regarding distribution.
- The previously postponed Town Hall with the President will be rescheduled for the coming weeks.

Provost Ennis:

- Provost Ennis shared an admission's report on retention. From fall 2020 to spring, currently, retention for all students is 93%. This is up from 2019-2020 which had a 92.4% retention rate.
- Freshmen applications are up 6.6% and freshmen acceptances are up 18%. Out-of-state acceptances are up 1,649 and in-state acceptances are down around 98.
- There will be two in-person commencements on May 7 and May 8. The University-level graduation will begin at 8:30 a.m. on these days, and the separate colleges will hold their own ceremonies later in the day at 6 p.m.

Jennifer Shinaberger, Director, Center for Teaching Excellence to Advance Learning:

- Shinaberger presented on a Faculty/Staff Mental Health Series. You can view her presentation here:



F/S Mental Health  
Series

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Brian Bunton, Chair, reported the following:

- Approval of Undergraduate Administrative Action 13 from the February 3, 2021 meeting.
- At the most recent Board of Trustees meeting, the Trustees approved Promotion and Tenure applicants. This is a great accomplishment and congratulations to all.
- Faculty Senate will remain virtual through May because of the size of the Senate.
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee elections will be held during the May Senate meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Motion for a new undergraduate program – Criminal Justice, B.A. with certificates in Legal Studies, Law Enforcement and Foundations of Data Analysis (For Criminal Justice Majors Only). **The motion passed (50 in favor, 1 not in favor).**
2. Motion for change(s) in an undergraduate program – Exercise and Sport Science, B.S. **The motion passed (52 in favor, 0 not in favor).**
3. Motion to modify the Academic Forgiveness Policy in the undergraduate academic catalog. **The motion passed (48 in favor, 5 not in favor).**

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B. Graduate Council

1. Motion for change(s) in a graduate program – Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Science: Coastal and Marine Systems Science (Ph.D.) **The motion passed (52 in favor, 0 not in favor).**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Lydia Deeck, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Brian Bunton, Faculty Senate Chair