

Faculty Senate Minutes for November 17, 2022

1. Approval of the minutes

Benjamin Meador made a motion to accept the October 27, 2022 minutes. Chadwick Gugg made a correction to the minutes to omit the reason for the change from 14 to 15 Senators a few years ago. The motion to approve the minutes, as revised, passed.

2. University Updates

There were no updates from the President and Provost. Evan reported that the BOR had provided feedback and suggested revisions to our annual evaluation and PTR changes. Evan met with the Vice Chancellor to comply with their suggestions. We will discuss this topic later in the meeting

3. Academic Affairs

The three Academic Affairs curriculum changes for Biology, Chemistry, and Computer Science, along with a new Chemistry course were considered as a block after Benjamin's motion was seconded and approved. After short explanations of the nature of the curriculum changes, Benjamin Meador's motion to approve passed.

4. Graduate Affairs

Benjamin's motion to consider the new MBA courses, new Education courses, and new ESOL endorsement as a block was approved. The new courses and programs were approved.

5. Annual Evaluation, P&T, PTR Changes

The committee reviewed documentation regarding suggested revisions to our annual evaluation and PTR changes. to update GSW's academic policy approval process through the undergraduate and/or graduate academic affairs committees. After a short discussion, Evan reported that he would forward the proposed process to the respective committees for input and comment. No vote was required.

5. Graduate Affairs

Graduate Affairs presented a revision to the Graduate Residency Policy that requires 70% of the course work towards the degree be completed in residence. Evan mentioned that the revision was designed to codify our current unofficial policy. After a motion by Benjamin, the revision was approved.

6. Bylaws and Apportionment Committee

The committee presented proposed Senate Bylaws for consideration and discussion. John Lejeune's motion to approve the bylaws was ultimately withdrawn so that the Bylaws and Apportionment Committee could meet again to address the following items:

- The consensus was that the bylaws should be revised to specify that the total number of senators will be 15 rather than 14. The composition of the Senate recently morphed from 14 to 15.
- The proposed bylaws create a dynamic formula-based system for apportionment of the number of senators amongst the various colleges based on the number of faculty members in each college. This format was favored.
- The current bylaws provision that the President and Provost serve as ex-officio and voting members will be retained.
- The committee will consider feedback about the necessity and timing of creating a chairman-elect position.

7. Office of Accommodations and Access

A faculty member received an accommodation request to provide an online class for a campus-based student and inquired as to whether this accommodation was mandatory. Possible actions on this item include, reviewing the situation with Evelyn Oliver or forwarding the matter to Faculty Affairs. Additional discussion included inquiries about the format and security in the proctoring environment.

8. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and Faculty Standing Committee

The DEI committee has begun their work and will make a report in the next meeting.

9. Next Meetings

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022, 4 pm, Carter 1, room 105. The Fall General faculty meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2022 at 10:30.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Attendance:

Carol Bishop
 Chadwick Gugg
 Mary Huffman (for Thelma Sexton and Chu Chu Wu)
 Tzvetelin Iordanov
 Evan Kutzler
 John Lejeune
 Benjamin Meador
 Julie Megginson
 Sondra Smith
 Anh-Hue Tu
 Jeffrey Waldrop
 John Wilson
 Keaton Wynn