

Faculty Senate Minutes for November 17, 2022

1. Approval of the minutes

Evan called the meeting to order at 4:00. 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 revised minutes 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 Meador's motion was seconded and approved. After short explanations of the nature of the curriculum changes, Benjamin'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 USG's suggested revisions to our annual evaluation and PTR changes. Evan reported that he had made revisions based on input from the USG, that there were no substantive revisions, that GSW's ad hoc committee had reviewed the proposed revisions, and that these final revisions have already been approved by the USG. Benjamin's motion to approve the changes was approved. The proposed revisions will be forwarded to the faculty along with a summary of the changes.

6. Bylaws and Apportionment Committee

The committee presented proposed Senate Bylaws for consideration and discussion. The committee had incorporated suggestions from the last Senate meeting. There was a spirited discussion about several items that resulted in a few recommendations. First, a clause regarding the advisory function of the Senate was deemphasized by moving it to a later paragraph. Second, serving as the Faculty Council representative role (or designating a representative) was added to the duties of the President. Next, the role of Vice President will replace the proposed new President Elect position. Finally, the requirement that the President be in the second year of their

term was eliminated. Benjamin's motion to approve the bylaws, with the proposed revisions, passed. The committee will make the suggested changes and Evan will forward to the faculty by Monday.

7. Subcommittee on Academic Affairs Policies and Presidential Powers

The committee reported that they met to discuss the powers of the President in light of recent changes to degree requirements in Arts and Science degrees with a teaching emphasis. After a lengthy and spirited discussion regarding potential options, it was decided to defer action at this time.

8. Office of Accommodations and Access Questions

Evan reported that he had discussed a particular request to move a class to online with Evelyn Oliver. The specific request was subsequently rescinded. The recommendation was to contact the Office of Accommodations and Access to clarify an accommodation request or to discuss concerns regarding accommodations or test proctoring.

9. Next Meetings

The January meeting time will be determined at a later date. The Fall General Faculty meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2022 at 10:30.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Attendance:

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