

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 12:45 pm.
2. Reminders/Updates:
 - a) Slido link available for voting by Senators
 - b) Update – latest on IRB - requested by IRB chair to move to after holiday break.
 - c) Task Force on Faculty Funding Accessibility & Purchasing now up on Faculty Senate website. Still seats available to volunteer. Send in name as soon as possible if willing to serve.
 - d) February meeting – faculty assembly meeting with President Kesselman. Please start sending any issues to Senate to make sure interests are addressed during assembly meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2022 Faculty Senate Meeting
4. Procedure 2015: Course Repeat (2nd Reading) – recap by Manish – based on first reading and comments received by the Faculty Senate executive committee, motions for potential amendments:

Motion 1: Motion to amend Procedure 2015 to remove “Students with upheld academic honesty violations may be prohibited from using grade replacement as detailed in Procedure 2005.”

Vote: Yes/Approve: 22; No/Reject: 11

Motion 2: Motion to amend the amendment to add the language: “Graduate programs may enact procedures that limit or eliminate the grade replacement option for students.”

Vote: Yes/Approve: 31; No/Reject: 4

Motion 3: Motion to amend 2015 to add the following language “Graduate programs may enact procedures that limit or eliminate the grade replacement option for students in their programs.”

Vote: Yes/Approve: 32; No/Reject: 0

Motion 4: Motion to approve Procedure 2015 as amended.

Vote: Yes/Approve: 30; No/Reject: 2

5. In interest of time agenda adjusted to move up eSport Management Program Proposal (1st reading) – Noel Criscione-Naylor presented and addressed comments. Presented as proactive proposal to cast a wider net to benefit School of Business with no additional immediate costs to the University. Kerrin Wolf motioned to fast-track.

Motion to fast-track the eSport Management Program Proposal (requires 75% of senators in attendance to vote in the affirmative). **Vote: Yes/Approve: 15; No/Reject: 19**

Motion fails. Will require 2nd reading in January.

6. Academic Calendar Discussion Fall 2023: Midsemester Break
Provost brought forward idea of a fall break following conversations with Student Senate and recognizing increase in mental health concerns mid-semester. A calendar with two possible fall break scenarios was provided for discussion as well as context on how the academic calendar is created. Andrea Sandoval, Chair - Student Senate, Student Affairs Committee presented student perspective that a fall break was desired, but without extending the fall semester. Floor open for discussion.

Concern raised regarding extension of semester as proposed with term ending on December 20 and graduating senior grades due the next day on December 21. No study days for students between end of classes and beginning of final exams – a reversal of an issue with the academic calendar brought forward the by Student Senate years ago. Presents a grading challenge for faculty with short turn around time between final exams and when grades are due for graduating seniors.

Not ideal for all Schools – impact on labs/studios where there may be multiple sections that meet only once per week. Will make it difficult to maintain continuity where some sections, might not meet for as long as 3 weeks should a fall break be implemented.

Impact on preceptorial advising as this is not a day off for faculty and many students will want to come for precepting on another day. Will impact faculty, especially those with large advising loads.

Fall break will be revisited in the January Faculty Senate meeting.

7. Academic Affairs Policies & Procedure (2nd reading)

Motion to approve the revised Academic Affairs Policies & Procedures presented for 2nd readings (1095, 1097, 2016, II-16, II-20, II-245, 2022).

Vote: Yes/Approve: 24; No/Reject: 2

8. Items remaining on Agenda will be moved to the January Faculty Senate meeting.