

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 9/16/22

Meeting called to order at 12:46 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from May Retreat 2022

Minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Election of At-Large Member to Senate Executive

Nominations: Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen, Zheng Li. Both elected.

3. Election of Standing Committee Vice Chairs

- a. Academic Policies and Procedures: Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen nominated and elected.
- b. Academic Programs and Planning : Michael Law nominated and elected.
- c. Administration and Finance: Monika Pawlowska nominated and elected.
- d. General Studies: Thierry Saintine and Adam Aguiar were nominated. Voting conducted through Slido. Marc Richard tallies the votes. Result: Thierry Saintine elected.
- e. Information and Technology and Media Services: Quynh Nguyen nominated and elected.
- f. Library: Eric Jeitner nominated and elected.
- g. Research and Professional Development: Guy Barbato nominated and elected.
- h. Student Affairs: Lauren Balasco nominated and elected.

4. Revised Academic Affairs Policy (2nd reading)

- a. Motion to approve Policy I-52.2: Research and Professional Development Committee, Policy III-3 Academic Calendar, Policy II-30: Course Attendance Policy, and Policy III-14: Calendar Policy was unanimously approved.
- b. Motion to approve Policy II-70: Emeritus – Emeritus Status was unanimously approved.
- c. Motion to postpone the 2nd reading of Policy II-22: Posthumous Degree was discussed. Various senators shared the concern that the policy wording was vague. Motion to postpone the 2nd reading of Policy II-22 to October faculty senate meeting was put forth and approved unanimously.

5. Procedure 2008: International Travel Approval Procedure (1st reading)

Request was made to clarify the wording on the bottom of page 2 about reimbursement of cancelled trips. Provost Kahanov explained the current language was due to double-booking issues during the covid. Provost Kahanov also added that insurance/refundable tickets were high recommended, but some students and faculty chose not to purchase. Various senators reported the troubles when reimbursing the insurance/refundable tickets. Provost Kahanov clarified that individuals should not be responsible for paying the insurance/refundable tickets, which should be covered by the fund. Request was made to revise the policy wording to clearly clarify that the cost of insurance and refundable tickets should be covered through the fund.

6. Community Leadership and Social Change Undergraduate Minor (1st reading)

Chelsea Tracy-Bronson gave a presentation about the proposed Minor. Chelsea explained the rationale, motivation and the curriculum of the Minor. Senators provided comments/suggestions and asked questions about the selection and structure of the courses, Chelsea explained the criteria and the process of the course selection/design.

7. Presidential Search Process Discussion

Senate President Manish gave the update on presidential search process and shared the discussion questions from the search firm with the senate for discussion. 1) What are the priorities or main agenda items for the next president over the next 3 to 5 years? 2) What are some of the qualities, characteristics, and qualifications of an ideal candidate? and 3) What are some points of pride?

A google doc will be created and the link will be shared. Faculty members are encouraged to contribute comments/suggestions there.

8. Informational Items:

- 1) Membership information of task force on Stockton's Approach to Precepting is available on faculty senate website. Comments are welcome.
- 2) Procedures and policies are being taken care of. Administration and Union will work on that. Some have been navigated to the standing committees and being administered.
- 3) Staff senate voting is light. Need more voice.
- 4) Administration informed computer classroom furniture are being updated. Need feedback from faculty and students about the options of chairs to purchase.
- 5) Seeking for nomination for Secretary of the Faculty Senate. Candidates must be tenured members of the Faculty Assembly and the deadline for nominations is noon on Monday, September 19, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.