

Academic Senate
09/10/2024
Cowan Hall # 310
Meeting Minutes

Membership: Valerie Guyant, Trygve Magelssen, Mark Seiffert, Laura Gomez, Kasthuri Udayakumar, Joyce Mphande-Finn, Grant Olson, Casey Donovan, Anna Bowker, Aaron Riggins

Members Present: Valerie Guyant, Aaron Riggins, Trygve Magelssen, Laura Gomez, Casey Donovan, Anna Bowker, Grant Olson, Kasthuri Udayakumar

Guests: Kevin Holzworth, Jennifer Brown

Recorder: Brittany Garden

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Valerie Guyant at 4:02pm

Minutes:

- Minutes from 04/09/2024
- Motion was made by Laura Gomez to approve the minutes
- The second was made by Casey Donovan
- Question
- Approved

Agenda:

- Motion was made by Laura Gomez to approve the agenda.
- The second was made by Casey Donovan
- Question
- Approved

Chancellor/Provost Updates:

- The Provost sent out an email yesterday letting everyone know that we will have a new Dean of COHS starting in September.
- Information regarding promotion and tenure and evaluation was added to the Provost's website (in correlation with the CBA). An example of eligibility is included, although eligibility varies.
- Right after Orientation, the union voted to extend the deadline for promotion & tenure portfolios to allow more time during the Canvas LMS transition (Jan. 27). Late submissions will no longer be accepted. An email will be sent out to faculty with the new information.

External Committee Reports:

- **NWCCU**
 - There are no new updates at this time.
- **UAC**
 - First meeting will be later this month.

Senate Committee Reports:

- Admissions and Standards
 - Will meet on Wednesdays, starting 9/11/2024. They have met via email.
- Curriculum
 - Will meet next week.
- Financial Aid
 - Have been meeting regularly. They have had 8 different applications for financial aid, 2 have been denied and the rest have been approved.
- General Education
 - Met yesterday, without a quorum. Will meet again in two weeks. They still need an additional COTS representative.
- Graduate Council
 - They will meet next week. Chad Spangler should be added as a COHS representative.
- Instruction, Research, Faculty Development & Cultural Programming
 - This will be an entirely new committee membership. Grant is starting as the Chair and will send out an email to meet.
- Library & Instructional Technology
 - They have not met yet this year and should be meeting later this month.

Proposals:

- There are no new proposals at this time. There are some proposals with the Curriculum Committee.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Review of updated draft of Policy 601.2 submitted by the Provost and Deans
 - Updates include the addition of generative AI in the plagiarism policy.
 - It broadens the umbrella to all generative sources and allows faculty to decide what is acceptable in their own courses while also having the possibility of filing an academic misconduct claim surrounding generative AI.
 - Discussion about the redundancy of the language about submitting one's own work for multiple classes without prior consent by the instructor(s).
 - A motion to redline the line with redundancy was made by Spike Magelssen.
 - The second was made by Aaron Riggin.
 - Question
 - Approved
- Discussion about the distribution of time for lab and studio hours, specifically regarding the time per credit (as compared to lecture hours).
 - Request to discuss this was made by Kevin Holzworth to identify the appropriate distribution of lab hours. Right now, 50 minutes is counted for one credit hour in lecture, but the math is different when breaking down lab credit hours. Right now, there is a general consensus from faculty that they do more work for labs, but are getting

paid/credited for half the time compared to lectures in their work load. The question/discussion was asked about what can be done to possibly adjust this.

- Is it possible to model more consistency for labs across campus?
- A motion to have Academic Senate request the Union address the workload component of the credit load issue was made by Laura Gomez.
- The second was made by Aaron Riggan
- Question
- Approved
- Update on last year's proposals
 - Refresher on where to find submitted proposals on the Provost's website.
- A question was asked about whether Academic Senate and ASMSUN would have a representative on a committee about the new Aurora Center that is in the beginning phases of building. Academic Senate will email the Provost with the request for senate to have a representative in this process.

Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Laura Gomez
- The second was made by Anna Bowker
- Question
- Approved

Respectfully Submitted by,
Brittany Garden