

Minutes of Meeting

Faculty Affairs Committee

Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 12:15 PM

Location: Zoom

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 PM by Juliana Leding

Members Present: James Beasley (Chair), Suzanne Ehrlich, Hanadi Hamadi (FA VP), Mark Halley, Juliana Leding, Claudia Sealey-Potts, Kristi Sweeney, Jennifer Wesely, John White (FA Chair)

Members Absent:

Elizabeth Gregg

Guests:

Paul Parkison; David Jaffee; Georgette Dumont; Michael Binder; Sherif Elfayoumy; Caroline Guardino

• Approval of the Minutes

- Minutes from September 9, 2021, meeting was moved by Dr. Mark Halley and were approved by the committee with a friendly amendment to update misconduct.

• New Business

- Vote on Chair and Vice Chair: Dr. James Beasley was voted as Chair.
- Senate Model Committee: Paul provided an overview of the senate model that focused on increase faculty representation.
 - The committee asked about how involved AA was and are they supportive.
 - The committee asked about t in-unit vs out of unit faculty. The senate taskforce answered that it will explore more it more.
 - The committee asked about N&E committee and clarification on how the election will be elected. The senate taskforce said they will reach out to N&E for more information.
 - The committee asked about asked about the transition period of implementing the model. The senate taskforce answered that it's stated in the model with a staggered start.
- Senate Model response:
 - Dr. Georgette Dumont spoke in regard to the importance of needing faculty to rubber stamp legislative items and that the faculty association name can't be changed to faculty senate
 - Georgette Dumont spoke on that this change doesn't give the senate more authority.
 - Dr. Michael Binder spoke in regards that 90% of faculty don't care about the legislative agenda.
- November meeting: Committee members voted on changing the FAC November meeting and a date will be decided using doodle poll. The meeting was changed because the date falls on Veteran day and the university is closed.
- The committee discussed the effects of the Senate proposal on the acceptance of Faculty Association resolutions, such as the divestment of fossil-fuel investments.

- The committee discussed the effects of an unofficial lobbying process in a Senate system.
- The committee discussed the effects on the availability of service opportunities in a Senate system.
- At the end, the committee discussed asking the Senate bylaws task force co-chairs for the most recent version of the Senate bylaws that they wanted us to consider.
- **Potential Future Agenda Items**
 - Next meeting
 - Discuss Senate model
 - Academic misconduct
 - Future meetings
 - Discuss coordination with RC as they discuss flexible teaching loads
 - Review of FA Committees
 - Continue discussion on policy on academic misconduct
 - Discuss revisions to FAC charge
- **Adjournment & Next Meeting**
 - The meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM.
 - The next meeting will be November Date to be decided at 12:15pm via Zoom.