

BACK UP FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Student Senate Chambers Webb Center

3:00-4:15 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to order.

2. Circulate the roll. In Person N= 23, via ZOOM N= 21, Senators N= 44

Abdullah Al-Tair	Zoom	Lee Land	X
Marta Agata Ambrozewicz	Zoom	Selena Layden	X
Ivan Ash	Absent	Tatyana Lobova	Zoom
Sebastian Bawab	Zoom	Drew Lopenzina	Absent
Elizabeth Black	X	Denise McKinney	Absent
Nina Brown	Zoom	Amy Milligan	Zoom
Larisa Bulysheva	Zoom	Anil Nair	Zoom
David Burdige	X	Jennifer Poutsma	Absent
Elizabeth Burns	X	Desh Ranjan	X
Michael Carhart	X	Leryn Reynolds	Zoom
Paul Champagne	Absent	Jesse Richman	X
Anjeza Cipi	Zoom	Tinnika Robertson-Jones	Absent
John Crosby	X	Patrick Sachs	X
Kenneth Fitzgerald	X	Gary Schafran	X
Eva Forgacs-Lonart	Zoom	Eric Schussler	X
Corrin Gillis	Zoom	Mike Seek	Zoom
Mahesh Gopinath	Absent	David Selover	X
Roderick Graham	Absent	John Sinacori	Absent
Dennis Gregory	X	Masha Sosonkina	Zoom
James Michael Hall	X	Yonghee Suh	Zoom
Joy Hampton	Absent	Ling Tuo	X
Richard Handel	Zoom	Resit Unal	X
Janice Hawkins	Zoom	Larry Weinstein	Zoom
Kate Hawkins	X	Nicole Willock	X
Alireza Hosseini	X	Lucy Wittkower	Zoom
Mia Joe	X	Nazita Yousefieh	Zoom
Aurora Kerscher	Zoom	Wie Yusuf	X

3. Approval of the Agenda.

4. Approval of the Minutes.

5. Action Items: Kenneth J. Fridley, Ph.D., Vice President of Division of Research and Economic Development.

Number of Associate Vice Presidents is actually the same as when VP Fridley arrived

Still working on the merger and dealing with issues related to change in presidency

Support for faculty is lean especially on the pre-award and post-award due to both, flow issues and a lack of personnel

- Working on a real-time dashboard for PIs, Chairs, and Deans
- Effort is being made to make the process more transparent
- Discussion about working on adding grant writers, grant development specialists or creating boilerplates for faculty writing grants.

In the process of doing a 360 degree review of intramural funding mechanisms

Working on Faculty Research Development Academies to create cohorts of faculty to generate synergy of ideas

- One for early career
- One for mid-career
- One for advanced-career

Also working to connect faculty from across disciplines

- STAR program

Office of Research is not discouraging faculty from applying for funding with mandated reduced IDC

- Are looking into faculty who have requested reduced IDC
- Effort will be made to coach faculty who are very successful with lower than negotiated IDC funding mechanisms to leverage that expertise toward applying for mechanisms with higher IDC
- A 5% increase in IDC can result in an influx of \$2.8 million additional dollars

Maintenance of research equipment was discussed

- IDC actually pays for the maintenance of research equipment
- Request that the Office of Research pressure companies who produce high dollar research equipment to be held accountable for maintenance beyond 6 months
- Faculty expressed frustration with equipment becoming subscription based

A request was made to add the chair of Committee D to the faculty advisory board

- VP Fridley will check in with his constituents to make sure that adding the chair is not a problem
- Recently created faculty Advisory Board has 1-2 faculty from each college. He will distribute the list after the meeting.

Additional opportunities for faculty compensation for their grant/contract activities was discussed

- Was expressed that this discussion will layer in with the conversations regarding faculty and staff compensation in general
- Difficulty may be in the amount of reported effort versus the actual compensation which can result in a compliance issue

Discussion of who to better support the Arts and Humanities

- Instead of reconceptualizing programs Dr. Fridley proposed, "...incorporating artistic practices, methodologies, and perspectives into the research process."

Revision of R1 criteria was discussed

- Two criteria in the new system for determining R1 status
 - total research and development expenditures
 - to be R1 must have >\$50 million
 - FY 23 ODU had \$75 million in research and development expenditures
 - total research doctorate regardless of programs of study
 - must have 75 research doctorates
 - Currently ODU has 140 research doctorates
- Collaborations with our colleagues in the legacy EVMS schools will help push growth closer to the \$200 to \$250 million universal research and development expenditures
- Need to grow collaborations with other Sunbelt conference institutions

Question regarding expanding research space

- There are several very large capital projects that are supposed to address that
- Need to collaborate with the external organizations and use their space, e.g. NASA, Jeffersons Lab