

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

TUESDAY, February 15, 2022

3:00-4:15 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm

2. Roll taken

- The roll was taken via Zoom participants list (N = 47 including Jennifer Moody, Kate Hawkins, Brian Payne)

Senators (n = 36)

Present	Senator Name	Present	Senator Name	Present	Senator Name	Present	Senator Name
-	Michael Allen	X	Dennis Gregory	X	Andrew Lopenzina	X	John Sokolowski
X	Elizabeth Black	X	Mike Hall	X	Jamela Martin	X	Yonghee Suh
X	Nina Brown	-	Julie Hao	X	Suzanne Morrow	X	Lynn Tolle
X	Larisa Bulysheva	X	Fran Hassencahl	-	Perry Nerem	X	Ling Tuo
X	David Burdige	X	Leslie Hoglund	X	Jennifer Poutsma	X	James Van Dore
X	Elizabeth Burns	X	Steve Hsiung	X	Gene "Hill" Price	X	Ingrid Whitaker
X	Michael Carhart	X	Mia Joe	X	James Rhoades	X	Shu Xiao
-	Charlie Daniels	X	Lee Land	X	Patrick Sachs	X	Wie Yusuf
X	Kyle Davis	X	Soo-Hoon Lee	X	Gary Schafran	X	Michael Zugelder
-	Kenneth Fitzgerald	X	Tatyana Lobova	X	Eric Schussler		
X	*Corrin Gillis			X	David Selover		

△ Chair ◇ Assistant Chair *Secretary

Guests (n = 8)

Mona Danner
Jessica Huffman

Brandi Woodell
Ruth Triplett

Tracy Sohoni
Allison

Mica Deckard
Shana Pribesh

3. Approval of the Agenda

- Agenda approved as proposed

4. Chair's Report (Chairman Sokolowski)

- Review of topics from the Executive Committee meeting (see provided minutes)
- Discussion of R1 Status

5. Action Items

Dr. Walker Review Results (Senator Carhart)

- Policy on administrative leave appears to have been violated
 - Dr. Walker was not represented by the faculty
 - The handbook appears to not have been followed in this regard
- Public safety data is unclear
 - Concerns about why university community was not addressed more broadly
- Research support by the university was robust prior to this incident
 - Academic interpretation by experts on the topic was not provided
- Chair Sokolowski met with Chief Harris
 - Majority of specific and imminent threats were directed very specifically at Dr. Walker and their family
 - Threats were made to the university in general and steps were taken to deescalate any potential dangers
- Draft of the final report should be available before June
- Discussion centered around
 - Expressed concern about the way that the campus safety was and were not addressed and why if there were threats to the individuals on campus, that impacts general campus safety

Respectfully submitted by Corrin Gillis, Secretary – Faculty Senate

- There has been no addressing of the academic freedom issues of Dr. Walker and the AAUP policy on academic freedom is part of our concern and should be addressed in the report.
- Expressed concern about the general lack of due process inside and outside of the policies in effect
- Question was posed regarding what will be included regarding hate behaviors in the upcoming Clery report.
- **Committee A (Senator Lobova)**
 - **AY21-24-A New Minor in Queer Studies**
 - The proposal uses existing courses that will be cross-listed across departments to fulfill the requirements of the minor.
 - Department of Women’s Study is changing to Women, Gender, and Sexuality studies
 - This broadening of topics makes it more appropriate to be housed only in that department.
 - **Approved 84% in favor, 13% not in favor, 3 abstain**
 - **AY21-29-A Student Opinion Surveys**
 - Proposed removing, “student opinions both quantitative and qualitative” be removed from evaluation of lecturers at all ranks
 - **Approved 93% in favor, 3% not in favor, 3 abstain**
- **Committee C (Senator Yusuf)**
 - **AY20-36-C Revision to the Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award**
 - Recommends that each college award this award as an university commendation
 - Committee C recommends to the Awards committee that this change be made
 - **Approved 83% in favor, 13% not in favor, 3% abstain**
 - **AY21-10-C Graduate Credits by Transfer**
 - Allows graduate credit earned from non-degree seeking at ODU or another accredited institution may be applied if they were not part of a conferred degree
 - Programs may grant exceptions to the number of transfer credits in the case that agreements between universities/programs exists
 - Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) would allow students to not need to repeat courses
 - Committee C recommends approval as submitted
 - **Policy returned to committee for clarification of verbiage and/or organization of text**
 - **AY21-11-C Time Limits**
 - Proposed that time limits for course work are made consistent across all programs
 - Clarification to cross-reference policies
 - Committee C recommends approval as submitted
 - **Approved 93% in favor, 0 not in favor, 7% abstain**
 - **AY21-12-C Re-Validation of Graduate Credit**
 - Clarification for consistency with prior policy as well as specific as to which courses need validation
 - Discussion centered around wording for clarity
 - Committee C recommends approval as amended
 - **Approved 93% in favor, 0 not in favor, 7% abstain**

Items carried over to backup meeting on 2-22-2022

- **Committee C (Senator Yusuf)**
 - **AY21-17-C Ph.D. in Biology**
- **Committee F (Senator Tolle)**
 - **AY21-20-F Written Explanation for “No” Votes for Reappointment in the Reappointment/Annual Review Policy for Tenure-Track Faculty**

Respectfully submitted by Corrin Gillis, Secretary – Faculty Senate

- **AY21-28-F Guidelines for Appointment and Promotion of Librarians**
- **Committee G (Senator Brown)**
 - **AY19-17-G Faculty Complaint Procedure**
 - **AY21-15-G Eminent Scholar Policy**
 - **AY21-16-G Renewing Named Chairs and Named Professorships**

7. **Adjournment at 4:15**