



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council
January 8, 2024, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Minutes

Present: Professors Borchert (President), Eyer (VP), Allen (at large), Bonifield (PSC), deRosset (at large), Everse (CAC), Gove (SAC), Hurley (RSCA), Julianelle (at large), Kervick (CAC), Pope (at large), Rodriguez (FPPC)

Absent: Prue (SAC), Read (ERTC)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM on Microsoft Teams

1. **Minutes** – The minutes of the December 2023 meeting were approved with one abstention.
2. **Chair's Remarks** – Thomas Borchert reported the following:
 - Welcome back Jennifer Hurley, chair of RSCA.
 - Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne, Research Associate in RSENr and Director of Spatial Analysis Lab, died unexpectedly over the weekend. Jarlath was a member of the Faculty Senate Educational & Research Technologies Committee.
3. **CAC Consent Agenda** – Stephen Everse presented the following items to be included on the consent agenda (items noted with (*)) were discussed by the CAC on 1/4/24 and will be voted by the CAC at the end of the public comment period on 01/09/24):
 - A. Change minimum credit for CGS and mCGS*
 - B. New BA, BS and Minor in Geosciences
 - C. Name Minor in Childhood Studies*
 - D. New Minor in Sustainable Energy Engineering
 - E. New Direct Entry Masters in Nursing
 - F. New Minor in Military Leadership*
 - G. Uncontested Deactivation of the Clinical Nurse Leaders Program

Motion: Stephen Everse moved to approve the items presented by the CAC for the Faculty Senate consent agenda pending approval of the items marked for electronic ballot. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously with one abstention.
4. **Reports from Committees**
 - A. CAC – report of items that do not require a Faculty Senate vote:
 - Substantial Revision to Clinical and Translational Science MS

- Substantial Revisions to the Zoology/Biology minors (These items were discussed by the CAC on 1/4/24 and will be voted by the CAC at the end of the public comment period on 01/09/24)
 - B. SAC – a report is expected regarding proposed changes to the Attendance Policy regarding out of class expectations. The proposed changes will be discussed by the Senate in January and voted at the February meeting.
5. **Review of Materials from University Manual** – Thomas Borchert shared a current draft of revisions to the University Manual. The proposed revisions are a result of an ongoing review primarily being conducted by the Provost’s office. Thomas collected comments and questions from the Executive Council and will be meeting with the revision committee next week. Thomas will ask for clarity on the process and timeline for the revision to the University Manual.
 6. **Catamount Core Committee Leadership in 2024-25 (documents; discussion)** Thomas Borchert reported that discussion has continued regarding the leadership of the Catamount Core Committee, and the Executive Council Teams folder for this meeting includes the email discussion, the current committee as reviewed by the FS EC in November 2020, and a policy document prepared by Pablo Bose, the outgoing chair of the committee (and Faculty Fellow). Two questions were proposed by Thomas Borchert for discussion: How does the Executive Council view the current Joint Committee? and What are some thoughts regarding a process for developing a permanent committee? Ken Allen shared slides outlining his concerns. The slides are attached to these minutes. Discussion topics included interpretation of the Faculty Senate CBL, Joint Committees vs ad hoc committees, levels of approval for courses vs. programs (unit/committee/senate), current infrastructure and membership of the CCCC, potential future relationship of the CCCC with the CAC.
 7. **Senate Committee Structure** – There was no time for this agenda item.
 8. **Agenda for P & P meeting with Executive Council – (Thursday, Jan 18, 4:00-4:45pm)** – Thomas Borchert will communicate with the Executive Council via email to determine an agenda for this meeting.
 9. **Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting (Monday, January 22, 4:00-4:30 PM, on Teams)** Thomas Borchert will distribute a draft agenda to the Executive Council for a vote later this week.
 10. **New Business** - none at this time

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM