

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2024
Martinelli Boardroom

Dr. Andrew Yeagley called the meeting to order at 3:31pm. The following members were present:

Ms. Kayla Adcock	Dr. Jennifer Hutchinson	Mr. Cam Patterson
Dr. Dale Beach	Dr. Tai Johnson	Dr. Jeannine Perry
Dr. Lee Bidwell	Dr. Roland Karnatz	Ms. Sarah Reynolds
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Dr. Lisa Kinzer	Dr. Brent Roberts
Dr. Robert Blaisdell	Dr. Chris Kukk	Ms. Annette Rosado-Figueroa
Dr. Roger Byrne	Claire LaRoche, J.D.	Dr. Larissa Smith
Dr. Darrell Carpenter	Dr. Jeff Ledford	Dr. Toni Sorrell
Dr. Karla Collins	Dr. Dina Leech	Mr. Bruce Speas
Dr. Scott Grether	Dr. Heather Lettner-Rust	Dr. Wendy Thompson
Dr. Kari Hampton	Dr. Evan Long	Dr. Ronda Walker
Dr. Eric Hodges	Dr. Angela McDonald	Dr. Haley Woznyj
Dr. Alec Hosterman	Ms. Sara Neher	Dr. Andrew Yeagley

Also present were – Dr. Bill Abrams, Dr. Audrey Church, Ms. Heather Edwards, Dr. Wade Edwards, Dr. Carl Harvey, Ms. Susan Hines, Ms. Whitney Kallenbach, Dr. Kris Paal, Dr. Shannon Salley, Dr. Shawn Smith, Dr. David Shoenthal, and Dr. Ben Topham

The minutes from the [April 4, 2024](#) Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson reviewed the [EPC Report](#) – There were no action items to be voted on. Sarah thanked the members of the EPC Committee for their work this year.

Action Item – Faculty Status and Grievance – [FPPM Section VI. O. 12-15 revised](#) – Dr. Andrew Yeagley reviewed the revisions to the proposal and opened the floor for discussion. There being no further discussion, the proposal was voted on and passed.

Update – Student Assessment of Instruction Committee – Dr. Yeagley announced that the committee will move forward with the current membership and work with the department chairs and promotion and tenure committees on how to improve the faculty assessments. It will be brought back to Senate in the fall.

Update – Ad-hoc Committee on Professor of Practice – Dr. Yeagley reviewed the goal of the committee which was to find ways to identify faculty who do not have a terminal degree but have professional experience in their field. This committee will move forward with the current membership and work with specific departments that may be affected by this change.

Update – Final Exam Policy Amendments - Dr. Yeagley announced the Professional Writing Skills class taught by Dr. Heather Lettner-Rust was asked to edit the final exam policy and produced two policies for Senate Exec. The policy will be given to EPC next year to review the edits.

As a senior member of Senate, Dr. Lee Bidwell moved to approve the 2024 candidates for graduation in May. The motion was seconded and passed.

Elections of the 2024-25 Faculty Senate Executive Committee commenced and continued throughout the meeting. After voting by only those who will be Senators as of July 1, 2024, the 2024-25 Executive Committee is:

Chair: Dr. Lee Bidwell (CCCAS)

Vice-Chair: Dr. Eric Hodges (CCCAS)

At-Large: Dr. Haley Woznyj (CBE), Dr. Kari Hampton (CEHHS), Dr. Ben Topham (CCCAS)

Announcements –

Mr. Cam Patterson

- Thanked those faculty who participated and supported the students during Spring Weekend
- An email went out yesterday announcing the university has signed a contract with Follett to provide campus bookstore services
- The Accessibility Resources Office is working to implement a new software called Accessibility Information Management (AIM) that will help to facilitate their work with faculty/staff/students going forward. This electronic system will allow students to register for accommodations within the office via the AIM portal and faculty will receive accommodation letters electronically. Test requests will also be submitted electronically at the end of the fall semester.
- The Lavender Graduation Ceremony is April 24 at 7pm in Blackwell Ballroom
- The CHI Burning Ceremony is April 24 at 10pm on Stubbs Lawn
- The Mosaic Multicultural Gala and Donning of the Kente Ceremony is April 26 at 6pm in Blackwell

Ms. Susan Hines announced that the Registrar's Office has extended the spring semester grading deadlines. With this extension, grades will need to be in by the extension date with no exceptions. For the Registrar's Office to close the semester, clear graduates, and prepare all the materials for commencement, they will need to start their work as soon as possible.

- Graduate course grades: extended to Friday, May 3rd at 8:30 a.m.
- Undergraduate course grades: extended to Tuesday, May 7th at 12:00 noon

Dr. Brent Roberts announced the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is hosting a Navigating the Path from Lab to Market event in the Greenwood Library on April 30. More information is in the weekly email.

Dr. Larissa Smith provided a budget update. She stated that the state budget has not been approved but the General Assembly is meeting on May 13th to go over the amendments made by the Governor's Office. She announced that given the uncertainty with the budget and issues

surrounding the FAFSA, the Budget Forum will be postponed to the fall. An email update will be sent to campus once the state budget is released.

She closed by thanking everyone for their tremendous work this year.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Long