

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2024
Martinelli Boardroom

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

Dr. Bill Abrams	Dr. Eric Hodges	Dr. Larissa Smith
Dr. Dale Beach	Ms. Whitney Kallenbach	Dr. Shawn Smith
Dr. Lee Bidwell	Dr. Roland Karnatz	Mr. Bruce Speas
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Dr. Melissa Kravetz	Dr. Ben Topham
Dr. Roger Byrne	Dr. Lisa Kinzer	Dr. Sarah Varela
Dr. Darrell Carpenter	Dr. Chris Kukk	Dr. Ronda Walker
Ms. Maddie Cason	Dr. Jeff Ledford	Dr. Haley Woznyj
Dr. Ken Fortino	Dr. Heather Lettner-Rust	
Dr. Jennifer Gerlach	Dr. Khawaja Mamun	
Dr. Scott Grether	Dr. Kris Paal	
Dr. Kari Hampton	Dr. Jeannine Perry	
Mr. Carl Harvey	Ms. Sarah Reynolds	

Also present were – Tyler Bagent, Savannah Bartlett, Audrey Church, Ginny Czeizinger, Susan Hines, Ashley Long, Elizabeth Narehood, Melissa Rhoten, Madeline Schutt, David Shoenthal.

The minutes from the [October 24, 2024](#) Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

Dr. Melissa Rhoten presented the items on the EPC report that were changing or being deleted. There was a brief pause for questions and clarification. All items were voted on and approved for changes or deletions as presented.

Dr. Lee Bidwell welcomed Dr. Hannan Naeni to the Faculty Senate, noting that Dr. Naeni would join the group in the Spring. Ballots were distributed to elect a new representative for the CBE Senate Executive Committee, and Dr. Darrell Carpenter was selected as the new member.

Madeline Schutt, the Director of Accessibility Resources, gave a presentation on the issues that her office addresses. She noted that mental health issues represent the largest percentage of cases, followed by ADHD and learning disabilities. While the office does not provide therapy, they do offer counseling for time management, problem-solving, and various other concerns. Ginny Czeizinger, the Assistant Director of Accessibility Resources, presented on the AIM system. She explained how to log in, change exam instructions, create tests, and set up testing parameters. She shared that the office has received positive feedback from students regarding the use of this system. A question-and-answer session followed.

Dr. Elizabeth Narehood, the Senior Director of Career and Professional Engagement, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the approach her office takes to connect students and alumni in their professional journeys. She introduced her team members and their roles, announced the grants received by the office, and highlighted the success of the Career Closet. Dr. Narehood mentioned new technology being used through a software called Handshake, which serves as a student

portal for scheduling, job searches, internships, and accessing career resources. She encouraged faculty to refer students to the center and to share the available opportunities.

Dr. Hailey Wzonyski initiated the discussion regarding the Ad Hoc Student Assessment of Instruction proposal. This led to a lengthy discussion, during which various ideas were presented to the committee for consideration. Most faculty reported receiving positive feedback from their departments regarding the proposed changes but wanted a clear explanation of what would replace the current student evaluations.

Under new business, Dr. Kari Hampton announced that the student fee for intercession is \$600, suggesting it should be reduced. This matter will be sent to the President. Meredith Foster, SGA representative, introduced the idea of "Dinner & Dialogues," where faculty would meet with students in the dining hall for a meal, allowing for more relaxed interaction without the pressure of classrooms and assignments.

Dr. Larissa Smith informed the Faculty Senate that the first round of reimbursements to local accounts took place last week. Funds under \$10,000 were fully restored, while accounts over \$10,000 received an \$8,000 restoration, with the remaining balance to be reimbursed in February 2025. She mentioned her office is working on emergency preparedness initiatives and resources for managing classroom disruptions, with emergency training scheduled to come to campus soon. Dr. Smith expressed gratitude for the Fall Research Showcase, which had over 500 student participants. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming holiday celebrations, including the tree lighting on November 25, 2024.

There being no further business the meet was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Gunn