

Faculty Senate Meeting October 15, 2021, Reynolds 222

Attendees: Scott Anderson, Sudeepa Bhattacharyya, Kris Biondolillo, Than Boves, Donna Caldwell, Jessica Camp, Hrishikesh Desai, Bert Greenwalt, Joanna Grymes, Shivan Haran, Matt Harmon, Katie Hill, Annette Hux, Amy Hyman, Natalie Johnson-Leslie, Cheryl Knight, William Maynard, Suzanne Melescue, Pradeep Mishra, Amanda Mohler, Tim Oliver, Jake Qualls Robert Robinette, Day Robinson, Amany Saleh, Ed Salo, Eric Scudamore, Richard Segall, Bill Stroud, Marcus Tribbett,

Proxy Attendees: Johnna Boggs for Jessica Camp and Carlitta Moore, Marcus Tribett for Gabe Horowitz

Absentees: Rollin Tusalem, LTC. Morgan Weatherly

Meeting Called to Order: Donna Caldwell established a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Donna Caldwell

Order of the Day: Motion to accept made by Marcus Tribbett, Kris Biondolillo seconded, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes motion made to approve October 1, 2021 minutes by Shivan Haran, Marcus Tribbett seconded, motion carried.

Guest Speaker:

Lori Winn – Open Enrollment: Nov 1-16, 2021. For the most part the benefits are staying the same with a minor increase in health insurance. No changes to the plan designs. Vision and dental remain the same. New benefit – supplemental benefit for medical transport, this is not a benefit that can be carried over once a retiree leaves the university. Optum/Connector Care, there have been several concerns/questions regarding receipts, these are needed for IRS requirements. HR is looking at using Further. If you participate in Flex you will have to go through open enrollment.

Old Business:

Committee Reports: N/A

- *Constitution and Bylaws:* Amanda Mohler- The revised Constitution & and Bylaws has been sent out. Majority of the document was just clarification. The major, changes however are 1. Delineation in the difference between the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Association 2. Addition of the term closed session- *Any member of the faculty or guest who is not a member of the Faculty Senate may participate in the discussion **ONLY WHEN** recognized by the senate president but may not vote unless they are a designated proxy. The Faculty Senate president may close the session at any time for **closed** Senate* 3. Definition of officers for Faculty Senate. 4. Committees: New language Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Removed fringe benefits and handbook committee

Added finance (addended), status of profession committee (addended) and nomination committee (new).

New Business:

Karen Wheeler Lower Level Credit Hours SGOC Proposal 202160-0: historically, if a student took upper level courses before the 30 credit hour mark, the courses would only count as lower level. Students had to appeal to get upper level credits instated. Up Skill program in high school is exactly opposite. The policy and appeal process is now seen as an artificial barrier because the appeal committee almost always approves the request. Discussion – concerns if high school students, freshmen and sophomores should take 3000-4000 level courses.

Other Business:

Open Forum:

Donna Caldwell adjourned the meeting at 4:14 pm.