

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2023

1:30-3:00pm

Invitees: Dr. Emily Cutrer (absent), Dr. Melinda Arnold, Ms. Kathryn Montgomery (absent), Dr. Corrine Hinton, Dr. Brian Matthews, Dr. Craig Nakashian, Dr. Brian Billings, Dr. Vikram Bhadauria (Zoom), Dr. Joy Cooper, Dr. Rebeca Cooper (Zoom), Dr. Kelly Cordray (Zoom), Dr. Sheila Moore (Zoom), Dr. Lisa Myers, Dr. James Nguyen (Zoom), Dr. Godpower Okereke, Dr. Sebastian Schmidl (Zoom), Dr. Faycal Znidi

- I. Call to Order at 1:31 p.m.....Dr. Corrine Hinton
- II. President's Report.....Dr. Emily Cutrer
 - a. No report
- III. Provost and VPAA's Report.....Dr. Melinda Arnold
 - a. Most updates contained in Academic Affairs email (Appendix 2)
 - b. Hired a number of full-time faculty, including in Accounting (2), Biology, Physical Therapy, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Management (ad-interim), and Marketing
- IV. DEIB Director's Report.....Ms. Kathryn Montgomery
 - a. Appendix 3
- V. Approval of Minutes from 03/10/2023.....Dr. Corrine Hinton
 - a. Dr. Myers moved, Dr. Matthews seconded. Minutes amended and approved 11-0-0.
- VI. President of Faculty Senate Report.....Dr. Corrine Hinton
 - a. Appendix 4
- VII. Committee Reports & Business Items (Contained *en masse* as Appendix 1)
 - a. Curriculum Committee..... Dr. Godpower Okereke
 - b. Core Curriculum Assessment.....Dr. Kelly Cordray
 - i. Update on current process and timeline (attachment).
 - c. Educational Technology.....Dr. Faycal Znidi
 - i. Committee will be recommending adoption of Interfolio for faculty portfolios
 - d. Academic Rules & Procedures.....Dr. Craig M Nakashian
 - i. Recommendation to adopt *Votes of No Confidence Policy*
 - ii. Recommendation on revisions to UR 12.03.99.H1 (*Faculty Workload and Reporting*)
 - iii. Both approved on consent agenda

- e. Academic Standards.....Dr. Lisa Myers
 - i. Recommendation to amend the current Academic Appeals Process
 - ii. Recommendation to reaffirm the 2024/25 admission standards
 - iii. Both approved on consent agenda
 - f. Faculty Welfare.....Dr. Joy Cooper
 - i. Faculty Morale Survey Results, Summative Report.
 - ii. Vote to distribute to full-time faculty via email. Dr. Nakashian moved, Dr. Billings seconded. Motion approved 12-0-0.
 - g. FRED.....Dr. Rebeca Cooper
 - i. Recommendation to approve FRED application for J. Chen (\$3000)
 - ii. Recommendation to approve FRED application for R. Neupane (\$1000)
 - iii. Both approved on consent agenda.
 - h. Budget Committee.....Dr. James Nguyen
 - i. No report
- VIII. Ad hoc Committee Reports
- a. OTAFA.....Dr. Corrine Hinton
 - i. Drs. Joe Burzynski and Kimberly Murray will serve as inaugural co-directors.
 - b. Course Evaluation Review.....Dr. Vikram Bhadauria
 - i. Vote to reject recommendation. Dr. Nakashian moved, Dr. Billings seconded. Motion to reject approved 10-1-2.
- IX. Unfinished Business
- a. QEP Selection Committee.....Dr. Corrine Hinton
 - i. See Faculty Senate President’s Report
 - b. Undergraduate students in graduate courses.....Drs. Sikorski or Nakashian
 - i. No report
 - c. Course Evaluation changes and concerns
 - i. See item VIII.b above
- X. New Business
- a. Committee recommendation concerning the nomination of President Dr. Emily Cutrer for *President emeritus* (Appendix 5)
 - i. *Ad hoc* committee recommended by a 5-2 to support Dr. Emily F. Cutrer’s recognition as President *Emerita*. Vote to support the recommendation. Dr. Moore moved, Dr. Cordray seconded. Motion approved 12-1-1.
- XI. Last Regular Meeting of 22/23 Senate – Friday, May 12, 2023 at 1:30pm in UC 251 (Zoom option available)
- XII. Adjourned at 2:59 p.m.....Dr. Corrine Hinton