



UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Minutes

December 12, 2023: [MS Teams, 3-5 PM](#)

Call to Order and Approval of Previous Minutes

Faculty Senate was called to order

Present:

Senator (S), ExCo (E), Other Non-Voting Member (O)

Ahmed Alsharif (S)	Donna Fairbanks (S)	Kenzie Jones ((E)	Raiden Gaul (S)
Alex Yuan (S)	Doug Czajka (S)	Kevin Smith (S)	Rich Paustenbaugh (E)
Anthony Ciccone (S)	Dustin Shipp (S)	Laura Ricaldi (S) (E)	Rick McDonald (S)
Ashley Nadeau (S)	Eric Russell (S)	Maria Blevins (S)	Sam Gedeberg (E)
Ben Moulton (E)	Evelyn Porter (E)	Matthew Duffin (S)	Sayed Sajal (S)
Bryan Sansom (S)	Gareth Fry (S)	Maureen Andrade (S)	Sean Crossland (S)
Christopher Goslin (S)	Jennifer Shubert (S) (E)	Max Aeschbacher (S)	Stephanie Dunn (S)
Christopher Witt (S)	Jim Price (S)	Melinda Bender (S)	Tammy Ross Huffman (S)
Colleen Hough (S)	Jim Sutton (S)	Merilee Larsen (S)	Terrance Orr (S)
Dallas Smith (S)	John Hunt (S) (E)	Michael Hollister (S)	Tracy Sermon (S)
Dan Perry (S)	John Newman (S)	Michaela Sawyer (S)	Waseem Sheikh (S)
David Frame (S)	Jon Anderson (E)	Ming Yu (S)	Wayne Vaught (E)
David Knowlton (S)	Joshua Fagan (S) (E)	Nicole Gearing (E)	Wioleta Fedeczko (E)
Deb Dowd (S)	Justin Schellenberg (S)	Paul Morrey (S)	
Diego Alvarado Karste (S)	Kat Brown (E)	Peter Sproul (S)	

Senators Absent/Excused:

Minutes stand approved

Faculty Senate President:

Update: UVU Faculty Ombuds

Provost:

UBHE Updates

- GE Decision (with Evelyn Porter)
- Freedom of Speech
 - **Q:** Can we put a note/disclaimer on email signature?
 - **A:** will bring OGC to meeting to discuss further, but we do not see an issue at this time.
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AI Task Force (with Wioleta Fedeczko)



- Sample Language: <https://www.uvu.edu/otl/chatgpt.html>
- Copilot: <https://copilot.microsoft.com>

Policy Debate Calendar ([process overview](#))

Stage 2: Discuss and Vote

- 445: Institutional Data [[Policy](#)][[Comments](#)]
 - Motion – Rick McDonald
 - Second – Jim Price
 - Comments – None
 - Call to question – Josh Fagan
 - Vote
 - All comments passed
 - **Details to come**
- 136: Intellectual Property [[Policy](#)][[Comments](#)]
 - Motion – Josh Fagan
 - Seconded -
 - Comments – None
 - Call to question – Josh Fagan
 - Vote
 - all comments passed – two no votes on the policy itself

Jim Mortensen, VP Finance & Auxiliary Services

[Equitable Access](#): Textbooks and Course Materials

- Barns and Nobel contract expires next year – looking for new options and contract
- **Q&A**
 - **Q:** Students can opt out- so some depts would be subsidizing others?
 - **A:** Yes
 - **Q:** My textbook is OER, but I have an online homework system. To be clear, that gets included, correctly?
 - **A:** Yes, it will still be included
 - **Q:** Would hardware be included in this change?
 - **A:** You could continue including as a lab fee
 - **Q:** What benefit is there to lower cost departments in subsidizing higher cost programs?
 - **A:**
 - **Q:** Is the fee per semester or per class?
 - **A:** Standardized fee based on FT status
 - **A:** Goal is to have a tiered system which would allow students to opt in and out of individual pieces
 - **Q:** OER materials



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Stage 1: Discuss

- Policy 654: [Faculty Merit Pay](#)
 - Move to motion – David Frame
 - Seconded -
 - Called to question -
 - Vote - (Vote on whether or not to have a vote about College/School Committee)
 - 18 yes – 2 no
 - Vote - (The Merit Policy should include a College/School Merit Committee)
 - 11 no – 7 yes – 6 abstained

Good of the Order

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 4:57 pm