

Faculty Senate Minutes
March 5, 2024: [MS Teams, 3-5 PM](#)

Call to Order; Silent Roll Call

Present:

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

Ahmed Alsharif (S)	Gareth Fry (S)	Ming Yu (S)	Wayne Vaught (E)
Alex Yuan (S)	Jaden Muir (O)	Nate Jeppson (S)	Wioleta Fedeczko (E)
Anthony Ciccone (S)	Jennifer Shubert (S) (E)	Nichole Ortega (S)	
Ashley Nadeau (S)	Jim Price (S)	Nicole Gearing (E)	
Ben Moulton (E)	John Newman (S)	Nizhone Meza (E)	
Bryan Sansom (S)	Jon Anderson (E)	Paul Morrey (S)	
Christopher Goslin (S)	Jonathan Allred (E)	Peter Sproul (S)	
Colleen Hough (S)	Joshua Fagan (S) (E)	Raiden Gaul (S)	
Dallas Smith (S)	Kat Brown (E)	Rich Paustenbaugh (E)	
David Frame (S)	Kenzie Jones (E)	Rick McDonald (S)	
David Knowlton (S)	Laura Ricaldi (S) (E)	Sam Gedeborg (E)	
Diego Alvarado Karste (S)	Laurie Toro (E)	Sean Crossland (S)	
Donna Fairbanks (S)	Maria Blevins (S)	Stephanie Dunn (S)	
Doug Czajka (S)	Matthew Duffin (S)	Summer Karafiath (S)	
Dustin Shipp (S)	Max Aeschbacher (S)	Tammy Ross Huffman (S)	
Eric Russell (S)	Melinda Bender (S)	Terrance Orr (S)	
Evelyn Porter (E)	Merilee Larsen (S)	Tracy Sermon (S)	

Absent/Excused:

Dan Perry (S)	Deb Dowd (S)	Ken Adams (S)	Maureen Andrade (S)
Michael Hollister (S)	Michaela Sawyer (S)	Sayed Sajal (S)	Waseem Sheikh (S)

Approval of Previous Minutes (available in Faculty Senate teams/[website](#))

- Minutes stand approved

Wioleta Fedeczko, Faculty Senate President [3:00-3:05]

- With Spring Break, senate meetings will be shifting slightly, next meeting will be March 26th

Jennifer Schubert, Service & Elections Chair [3:05-3:10]

- Senate Exco. elections are coming up – keep an eye out for open positions and information in the next few weeks
- New senators for the upcoming academic year are required to attend the last senate meeting of this semester on April 23rd
- Any Senator completing their term this semester will receive an official letter for their service

Laura Ricaldi, Special Investigations Chair [3:10-3:15]

- Academic Integrity Committee

- Formed with direction from President Tuminez to better understand what academic integrity looks like for students and faculty
- Survey launching March 8th – 31st
 - Distributed from MarCom on myUVU and Canvas, to learn how different areas on campus understand/use/view academic integrity
 - Please encourage faculty and students to complete survey

Evelyn Porter, Chair of GE Revision Task Force

[3:15-4]

- GE Update ([GE Task Force](#))
 - GE Taskforce consists of two main bodies
 - Proposal Group: Develops the GE proposal based off the new R470 requirements
 - Comprised of faculty and student voice
 - Proposal will be made based off feedback from faculty and students and will be given to the provost – provost has the final say on what goes forward
 - Implementation Group: Responsible for developing the process for implementing the changes that will occur with new GE requirements.
 - Consists of faculty and staff (curriculum, registrar, scheduling, advising)
 - Helps understand how the changes in GE will affect catalog, banner, degrees, etc....
 - GE Committee:
 - Standing committee that reviews all the courses that can fit into GE
 - Assesses current GE courses to ensure they are still meeting GE requirements
 - Proposal Group Recommendation
 - 30 credits of GE
 - 27 GE credits will be the mandated GE courses required by R470
 - 3 GE credits will be a new category beyond the 27 required by R470
 - Remove prescriptive GE in Breadth areas
 - Credits replaced must be with lower division courses
 - New 3 credit GE Proposed Category
 - Course would help students develop personal and social responsibility and meet unique demands of the 21st century
 - Analyze the impacts of decision making on personal professional development
 - Identify relevant information to address a need; evaluate the information for validity; and apply conclusions to generate possible solutions to a problem
 - Use sound evidence and arguments to effectively communicate
 - Demonstrate proficiency in navigating digital tools
 - Two names open for feedback for the proposed new GE course
 - Personal and Professional Growth
 - Civic and Professional Growth
 - Motion to vote on presenting 27 credits versus 30: *Eric Russell*
 - Seconded: *Josh Fagan*
 - Call to Question: *David Frame*
 - 19 in favor to vote on the motion, 10 not in favor
 - Motion to vote on 27 versus 30 immediately: *Jim Price*
 - Seconded: *David Frame*

- 22 in favor to vote immediately, 2 not in favor

VOTING RESULTS:

- 27 GE Credit Hours: 16 in favor
- 30 GE Credit Hours: 19 in favor
- Abstain: 0

- All further comments regarding GE are to be submitted to Evelyn Porter by March 18th

Policy

- **Discuss Comments**

- [640](#) Faculty Sabbatical Leave (*Kat Brown*) [4-4:10]
- [644](#) Selection/Responsibilities of Department Leadership (*Kat Brown*) [4:10-4:20]

- Motion to extend Faculty Senate Meeting 15 minutes: *Evelyn Porter*
- Seconded: *Josh Fagan*
- Call to Question: *Josh Fagan*
- Motion Passes: 20 in favor, 4 disagree

- [654](#) Faculty Merit Awards (*Jon Anderson*) [4:20-4:25]
 - No Comments

- **Discuss and Vote on Deletions**

- [449](#) Private Sensitive Information Policy Draft (*Joe Belnap*) [4:25-4:30]
- [451](#) Policy Draft Retention of Electronic Files (*Joe Belnap*) [4:30-4:35]
 - No Comments on Policy 449 and 451
 - Motion to Vote: *Josh Fagan*
 - Seconded: *David Frame*
 - Call to Question: *Josh Fagan*
- Motion to additionally vote on Policy 654: *Evelyn Porter*
- Seconded: *Josh Fagan*
- Call to Question: *Josh Fagan*

VOTING RESULTS:

- Policy 449: 26 agree, 0 disagree, 1 abstain
- Policy 451: 23 agree, 0 disagree, 1 abstain
- Policy 654: 23 agree, 0 disagree, 0 abstain

- **Introduce Policy: Deletions**

[4:35-4:45]

- [108](#) Contacting the Trustees or Regents (*Jeremy Knee*)
 - Outdated policy, no longer relevant
- [109](#) Contacting the OGC and the Attorney General's Office (*Jeremy Knee*)
 - Outdated policy addressing how to work with lawyers – no longer relevant
- [208](#) Outside Vendors/Contracts on Campus (*Frank Young*)

- Outdated policy from 1993 - Policy 210 in place that addresses these concerns
- [209](#) Contracting with Non-University Employees (*Drew Burke*)
 - Outdated policy from 1992 – Policy 210 additionally covers this outdated policy
- [450](#) Processing and Control of Distributed Administrative (*Laura Busby*)
 - Policy 445 has replaced this policy from 2008 and further acknowledges new procedures in place for administrative data
- **Introduce: Revisions** [4:45-4:55]
 - [658](#) Establishment and Administration of Graduate Programs (*Jim Bailey*)
 - Limited Scope Revision
 - Allows deans to appoint graduate program directors to assess academic programs and accreditation requirements
 - Outlines the selection of graduate program admission committees using diversity principles

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[4:55-5:00]

- UVUSA Elections are taking place this week
- Reminder to complete the Academic Integrity Survey once it's sent out
- Title 9 has been found investigating classes and class tapes without informing faculty members or getting consent, special investigations will look into the complaint and how to proceed.

Adjourn

[session end time 5:00]

- Meeting ended at 5:15

Announcements: *No time allocated. Please review and send to your departments, as applicable.*

b. **AI Resources**

- Fulton Library's student AI [Guide](#)
- Fulton Library's faculty AI [Guide](#)
- Faculty Senate and OTL's AI [Resources](#)
- AI Task Force [Events](#)

c. **Fulton Library:** Prepare for a successful semester with the Fulton Library's [faculty resource guides](#), which offer in-depth topic overviews to help kickstart your research.

d. **Office of Teaching and Learning:** The Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL) has launched a [Request an Instructional Designer](#) form so you can request a consultation meeting with an Instructional Designer at any time. Consultations will typically be through Microsoft Teams but may be in-person if needed.

Policy Updates ([process overview](#))

Policies in Stage 1: *Coming to Senate for discussion, comments, and debate.*

- Policy 335 Staff Grievance
- Policy 113: University Awards
- Policy 116: Student Communication
- Policy 151: Pregnancy Accommodation
- Policy 203: Employee Fringe Benefits
- Policy 329: Telephone and Cellular Phone Usage
- Policy 336: Children in the Workplace
- Policy 541: Student Code
- Policy 601: Classroom Instruction and Management
- Policy 633: Faculty Performance Evaluation and Feedback
- Policy 637: Faculty Tenure
- Policy 644: Department Chairs
- Policy 654: Faculty Merit Pay
- Policy 704: Minors on Campus