

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
April 9, 2024: [MS Teams, 3-5 PM](#)

**Call to Order; Silent Roll Call (0 min.)**

**Present:**

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

Ahmed Alsharif (S)	Dustin Shipp (S)	Laura Ricaldi (S) (E)	Rick McDonald (S)
Alex Yuan (S)	Eric Russell (S)	Laurie Toro (E)	Sam Gedeberg (E)
Ashley Nadeau (S)	Evelyn Porter (E)	Maria Blevins (S)	Sayeed Sajal (S)
Ben Moulton (E)	Gareth Fry (S)	Matthew Duffin (S)	Sean Crossland (S)
Christopher Goslin (S)	Jaden Muir (O)	Maureen Andrade (S)	Stephanie Dunn (S)
Colleen Hough (S)	Jennifer Shubert (S) (E)	Max Aeschbacher (S)	Terrance Orr (S)
Dallas Smith (S)	Jim Price (S)	Melinda Bender (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)	Jonathan Allred (E)	Nate Jeppson (S)	Wioleta Fedeczko (E)
Deb Dowd (S)	Joshua Fagan (S) (E)	Nichole Ortega (S)	
Diego Alvarado Karste (S)	Kat Brown (E)	Nizhone Meza (E)	
Doug Czajka (S)	Ken Adams (S)	Paul Morrey (S)	
Douglas Gardner (E)	Kenzie Jones Womack (E)	Rich Paustenbaugh (E)	

**Absent/Excused:**

Anthony Ciccone (S)	Bryan Sansom (S)	Donna Fairbanks (S)	Ezgi Sertler (E)
Merilee Larsen (S)	Michael Hollister (S)	Nicole Gearing (E)	Peter Sproul (S)
Raiden Gaul (S)	Summer Karafiath (S)	Tammy Ross Huffman (S)	

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

- Minutes stand approved

**Faculty Senate President, Wioleta Fedeczko**

[3:00-3:10]

- Senate Appreciation Lunch: April 30, 12-1:30 PM ([RSVP](#) due by April 12)
- Save the Dates:
  - Last day of Instruction: Tuesday, April 23 ([Spring Calendar](#))
  - Last Senate meeting: Tuesday, April 23
  - Commencement and Graduation: May 2-3, 2024 w/ Food Trucks at Grad Bash
  - UVU Convocation: Monday, August 19
  - Student School/College Orientations: Tuesday, August 20, 8:30-2 PM
    - Faculty helping students find colleges and departments on campus
    - Faculty serving lunch to students
  - First day of Fall classes: August 21st

**Provost, Wayne Vaught**

[3:10-3:20]

- Work with the general counsel is continuing to navigate the changes from this years legislative session – please reach out if you have any more questions
  - Tenure process will change slightly – the president of each university will have a final say on tenure promotion decisions with the Board of Trustees

~~AI Task Force Chair, David Connelly~~ (moved to April 23)

Senate Special Investigations Chair, Laura Ricaldi [3:20-3:25]

- [Academic Integrity Survey](#)
  - Survey is still open – reminder to invite your departments and students to complete the survey

Service & Elections Chair, Jennifer Shubert [3:25-3:30]

- Call for Nominations
  - Most open positions have 1 nominee – please consider nominating yourself or other faculty members
  - Reminder to invite newly elected Senators to the last Senate meeting on April 23rd. New Senators are needed to vote for new Senate ExCo members

Calendar Committee: Tiffany Evans, Meaghan McKasy, Heather Wilson-Ashworth [3:30-4]

- Looking for recommendations for the Academic Calendar
  - The committee is trying to make the best decisions for the calendar that is data driven. Any feedback is appreciated
- Expect greater communication and announcements on the decision of the Academic Calendar

## Policy

- **Introduce (August 2024)**
  - [116](#) Student Communication
  - [606](#) Adoption of Course Materials and Textbooks
- **Discuss Comments (April 9)** [4-4:15]
  - [113](#) University Awards of Excellence
    - Should there be specific mention of the Faculty Senate Awards of Excellence in Policy 113 – please share feedback regarding the matter
  - [335](#) Staff Grievance [4:15-4:30]
    - No Comments at this time
      - Motion to suspend the rules and vote on Policy 335: *Josh Fagan*
      - Seconded: *Laura Ricaldi*
      - Call to Question: *Josh Fagan*

## VOTING RESULTS:

- Policy 335: 29 agree, 2 disagree, 0 abstain

Good of the Order [4:30-4:35]

- Last reminder to take the Academic Integrity Survey

Adjourn [session end time 4:35]

- Meeting ended at 4:13pm

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

- a. **Global Engagement:** Consider attending the [Academic Freedom Symposium](#) on Thursday, March 28, 11-12:30 at Centre Stage: “The symposium aspires to examine academic freedom with both a global and a domestic lens while focusing on five topics of conversation: foundations of learning, education emergency and crisis, hate speech, gender equality, and digital transformation and AI. The purpose of the symposium is to engage in a conversation about these issues, the challenges of mis and disinformation, as well as raise awareness about academic freedom to those who may not be aware of the threats to academia and scholars around the world.
- 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:** Check out Fulton Library’s [faculty resource guide](#), which offers helpful information about publication in academic journals.
- 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