

Faculty Senate Minutes

December 10, 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)	Ezgi Sertler (E)	Merilee Larsen (S)	Wayne Vaught (E)
Aicha Rochdi 9	Howard Fullmer (S)	Michaela Sawyer (S)	Wioleta Fedeczko (E)
Alex Yuan (S)	Farzad Ahmadi (S)	Nate Jeppson (S)	
Alma Laney (S)	Ian Gotcher (E)	Nichole Ortega (S)	
Anthony Ciccone (S)	Jennifer Shubert (S) (E)	Nicole Gearing (E)	
Ben Moulton (E)	John Newman (S)	Nizhone Meza (E)	
Chris Lindquist (S)	Jonathan Allred (E)	Peter Sproul (S)	
Colleen Hough (S)	Kat Brown (E)	Raiden Gaul (S)	
Dallas Smith (S)	Ken Adams (S)	Rich Paustenbaugh (E)	
Dan Perry (S)	Kevin Smith (S)	Richard Cho (S)	
Dan Sutliff (S)	Laura Ricaldi (S) (E)	Ron Miller (S)	
David Frame (S)	Laurie Toro (E)	Sayeed Sajal (S)	
Donna Fairbanks (S)	Maria Blevins (S)	Sean Crossland (S)	
Doug Czajka (S)	Matt Flint (S)	Shelton Weech (S)	
Douglas Gardner (E)	Matthew Duffin (S)	Stephanie Dunn (S)	
Dustin Shipp (S)	Max Aeschbacher (S)	Tracy Sermon (S)	
Evelyn Porter (E)	Mel Gurr (S)	Waseem Sheikh (S)	

Absent/Excused:

Abdenour Seibi (S)	Christopher Goslin (S)	Deb Dowd (S)	Diego Alvarado Karste (S)
Matt Withers (S)	Ming Yu (S)	Rick McDonald (S)	Summer Karafiath (S)
Terrance Orr (S)	Tyson Riskas (S)	Joshua Fagan (S) (E)	

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

- Minutes stand approved

Evelyn Porter, Faculty Senate Vice-President

[3:00-3:10]

- Evelyn reminded everyone about the rules regarding finals week, emphasizing that finals must be held during the scheduled time to avoid conflicts. She also highlighted the importance of checking the academic calendar for the spring semester, including the interim study day.
- Raiden raised concerns about the academic calendar starting in the middle of the week, which causes scheduling issues for nursing classes. Evelyn acknowledged the concerns and mentioned that the academic calendar committee has debated this issue and conducted a survey, which showed overall positive feedback from students for the current schedule.

Academic Affairs, Wayne Vaught and Laurie Sharp

[3:10-3:40]

- Laurie discussed the ongoing exercise to prepare for potential budget reallocations or reductions. Each administrative unit is asked to map out what a 3%, 5%, 7%, or 10% reallocation or reduction would look like. The exercise aims to prepare for possible legislative requirements and ensure transparency and clarity. Laurie mentioned that the Deans have been provided with data packets, including information on majors, headcount, completions, student FTE, and faculty ratios, to help

them with the budget reallocation exercise. The goal is to make informed decisions and consider creative ways to address low-enrolled programs.

- Wayne emphasized the importance of engaging with legislators and being aware of the potential impact of the upcoming legislative session on higher education. He reminded everyone not to use university resources when communicating with legislators and to represent themselves as private citizens.

Senate Distinguished Faculty Award Guidelines, Jonathan Allred [3:45-3:46]

- Jonathan Allred presented the Distinguished Faculty Award guidelines, which remained unchanged since he presented in November.

VOTING RESULTS

31 agree, 0 disagree, 1 abstain

Good of the Order

[3:46-5:3:48]

Have a great winter break!

Adjourn

[session end time 3:48]

- Meeting ended at 3:48pm

Upcoming Agenda Items 2025

January	Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none">R401 for Innovation Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ben Moulton, UCC Chair
January	SRI's: Introduction to new SRI Tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Laurie Toro, Director of Faculty DevelopmentBryan Cowley, Business Systems Analyst IIKat Brown, Deputy Provost
January / February	Campus Climate Survey Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Office of Institutional Engagement & Effectiveness

Announcements

Faculty Senate Input Form: Faculty Senate now has an anonymous input [form](#) for faculty who have recommendations for Senate topics.

Learning Circles: Spring 2025 Learning Circles are now available for registration. Check out the amazing [options](#) for next semester.

Cultural Competency Workshops: Foundations of Inclusion (FOI) workshops are now Cultural Competency (CCW) workshops. If you have an FOI certification, it counts as a CCW certification. Faculty are welcome to attend workshops to continue learning or to earn certifications. Check out all of the available [workshops](#).

Fulton Library: Check out Fulton Library's [faculty resource guide](#), which offers helpful information about publication in academic journals.

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.

AI Resources

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