

Faculty Senate Minutes

October 22, 2024: MS Teams, 3-5 PM

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

Present:

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

Abdennour Seibi (S)	Douglas Gardner (E)	Matt Flint (S)	Sayed Sajal (S)
Ahmed Alsharif (S)	Dustin Shipp (S)	Matt Withers (S)	Sean Crossland (S)
Aicha Rochdi 9	Evelyn Porter (E)	Matthew Duffin (S)	Stephanie Dunn (S)
Alex Yuan (S)	Ezgi Sertler (E)	Max Aeschbacher (S)	Summer Karafiath (S)
Alma Laney (S)	Howard Fullmer (S)	Mel Gurr (S)	Tracy Sermon (S)
Anthony Ciccone (S)	Farzad Ahmadi (S)	Merilee Larsen (S)	Tyson Riskas (S)
Ben Moulton (E)	Ian Gotcher (E)	Michaela Sawyer (S)	Waseem Sheikh (S)
Chris Lindquist (S)	Jennifer Shubert (S) (E)	Ming Yu (S)	Wayne Vaught (E)
Colleen Hough (S)	John Newman (S)	Nate Jeppson (S)	Wioleta Fedeczko (E)
Dallas Smith (S)	Jonathan Allred (E)	Nichole Ortega (S)	
Dan Perry (S)	Joshua Fagan (S) (E)	Nicole Gearing (E)	
Dan Sutliff (S)	Kat Brown (E)	Nizhone Meza (E)	
David Frame (S)	Ken Adams (S)	Raiden Gaul (S)	
Deb Dowd (S)	Kevin Smith (S)	Rich Paustenbaugh (E)	
Diego Alvarado Karste (S)	Laura Ricaldi (S) (E)	Richard Cho (S)	
Donna Fairbanks (S)	Laurie Toro (E)	Rick McDonald (S)	
Doug Czajka (S)	Maria Blevins (S)	Ron Miller (S)	

Absent/Excused:

Christopher Goslin (S)	Peter Sproul (S)	Shelton Weech (S)	Terrance Orr (S)
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Approval of Previous Minutes (available in Faculty Senate teams/[website](#))

Minutes stand approved

Faculty Senate Vice President, Evelyn Porter

[3:00-3:01]

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Academic Affairs, Wayne Vaught, Kat Brown

[3:01-3:05]

Accreditation Update: Kat provided an update on the ongoing accreditation process, emphasizing the importance of faculty participation in the faculty meeting with the accreditors. She mentioned that accreditation occurs once every seven years and urged faculty to partake in the process and make their voices heard.

The open forum for faculty is scheduled for tomorrow in CB 101C. This forum is for faculty only, with no administrators allowed, to ensure a safe space for open discussion.

Equitable Access/Flat Fee for Textbooks/apps

[3:05-3:58]

Cameron Archibald, Louise Bridge, Parker Smith

The Equitable Access fee is a flat fee of \$250 per semester, covering all textbooks for students. This fee is automatically applied, but students have the option to opt out within the first week of classes.

The communication plan for informing students includes multiple emails, website updates, and information in Canvas to ensure students are aware of their options and the opt-out process.

Part-time students are automatically enrolled but can opt out. Graduate students and certain programs like concurrent enrollment are not included in the \$250 fee and will use the a la carte option.

Summer semester is \$150 for the summer course or \$300 if they take 1st and 2nd block courses.

Academic Programs and Assessment, Laurie Sharp

[3:58-4:00]

Writing Enriched: The Writing Enriched (WE) committee, a faculty-led committee, previously lacked administrative support from the Provost's office. It will not have a dotted line to Laurie Sharp. The committee's bylaws were outdated and misplaced. Updating these bylaws and establishing assessment structures is essential to sustain the committee's efforts to make 2 WE courses a graduation requirement for bachelor's degrees.

Some students missed taking the required WE courses, affecting degree conferral. Laurie reviewed the catalog and noted WE course requirements were missing. The goal is to ensure accurate catalog entries for clarity and compliance. The WE requirement will be formally included in the catalog, effective Fall 2025.

Action Steps:

- The committee will work on updating the bylaws and assessment structure.
- Masood, as the new chair, will seek Faculty Senate ratification for the updated bylaws.
- Support for the committee will come from Laurie's team, ensuring assessment of WE requirements aligns with graduation policies.

Policy

[4:00 – 4:58]

Debate

Policy 512: [Administration of Scholarships and Other Payments to Students](#)

No Comments

Policy 117: [Distinguished University Employee Awards](#)

No Comments

MOTION

Motion to suspend the rules and vote on Policy 512 and Policy 117: Josh Fagan

Motion seconded: Alma Laney

Motion passes

VOTING RESULTS

Policy 512: 35 agree, 0 disagree, 1 abstain

Policy 117: 38 agree, 0 disagree, 0 abstain

Motion and Vote

- Policy 116: [Student Communications](#)

- Policy 609: [Academic Scheduling](#)

MOTION

Motion to suspend the rules and continue discussion on Policy 609: *Dustin Shipp*
Motion seconded: *Alma Laney*
Motion Passes

MOTION

Motion to extend discussion on Policy 609 by 10 minutes: *Rick McDonald*
Motion seconded: *Jacob Mattson*
Motion Passes

MOTION

Motion to make voting on Policy 609 anonymous
Motion seconded:
Motion Passes

VOTING RESULTS

Policy 116: 38 agree, 0 disagree, 2 abstain
Policy 609: 9 agree, 33 disagree, 0 abstain

Faculty Awards of Distinction, Jonathan Allred

[4:58-5:00]

Jonathan requested feedback from the Senate on the current guidelines for faculty awards. He emphasized the importance of making these awards prestigious and valuable, and asked senators to review the guidelines and provide their input by the next Senate meeting.

Good of the Order

[5:00-5:02]

Don't forget to vote!

Use this form to suggest items that need to be brought before Faculty Senate:
<https://forms.office.com/r/0E2nE8dekR>

Adjourn

[session end time 5:02]

Meeting ended at 5:02pm

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

a. 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](#)

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

c. 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.