

# Minutes

Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee

Dec 1, 2022

3:00—5:00 p.m.

Present: Andy Piacsek, Rose Spodobalski-Brower, Eric Foch, Bob Hickey, Wendy Cook, Tennecia Dacass, Taralynn Petrites, Mel Madlem, Jason Knirck, Adrian Navarro, Christina Denison, Tiffany Ramseyer (interpreter)

1. Meeting called to order at 3:08pm

2. Approval of November 10, 2022 minutes

Eric moved to approve. Taralynn seconded. Motion passed.

3. Outcomes of the 11/30 Faculty Senate meeting were shared with the Committee:

- Motion regarding charge 3 (reorganization/renaming of units) passed.
- Motion regarding charge 1 (departmental honors) was sent back. Andy shared Josh's notes from the meeting; Chris Denison and Rose S., who attended the meeting, provided their perspective. Upshot: Some senators objected to the GPA requirement for entering a departmental honors program.

3. Andy showed an amended policy that addresses Faculty Senate concerns. Amendment text provided by Chris Denison was an additional paragraph (A)(1)(c) that allows students who do not meet GPA requirements to participate in departmental honors with the support and recommendation of a departmental faculty member. GPA requirements were not changed.

- Bob and Eric voiced concern about lowering the standards for honors. Andy pointed out that this is a practical compromise that ensures that students have the support of faculty to in order to bypass GPA requirements. Bob suggested adding the approval of department chair. No objections to this.
- Bob moved to approve the amended policy, Tennecia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Student account holds – AAC22-23.03

Andy showed a list of existing holds with descriptions. The list is extensive. Adrian informed the group that there is ongoing work happening in his office to analyze holds. The analysis is expected to complete in February with wrap up at the end of the academic year.

Jason added that advising is also working on this issue. Rose will check with Arturo as well.

Andy will check with Provost office regarding financial holds and AAC purview.

Andy recommended tabling this issue until we hear more from other groups.

Meeting adjourned.