

# Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee

April 27, 2023

3:10—5:00 p.m.

## Minutes

This meeting's note taker is Josh Welsh

### 1. Call meeting to order

Present: Erich Foch\*, Andy Piacsek\*, Mel Madlem\*, Jason Knirck, Bob Hickey\*, Peter Klosterman, Taralynn Petrites\*, Cody Stoddard, Josh Welsh\*

(\* = Voting Members)

### 2. Changes to agenda

### 3. Approval of April 13 minutes

Approved.

### 4. Chair report

- Feedback from Joey Bryant on Disruptive Behavior policy

The written feedback is available in the Teams Folder. In brief: Joey and Lucha seem to be still concerned about our stepping on the toes of the student conduct code, which already exists. They want us to be clear about making distinctions about how certain decisions get made and whether students can attend a class if they misbehave. Andy and Josh will work on taking Joey's concerns and working up some draft policy for the committee to review.

Mel: Concern is that a faculty might not be safe with a student that is out of control. The student need not be in the classroom with the faculty while student success is making their decision. Safety of faculty is a faculty issue, not a student affairs issue.

Andy: Agreed. We also need to maintain a positive learning environment. If student is disrupting the learning of others, then the faculty needs to be able to tell them not to come to class until we get this figured out.

Mel: Is that not a working condition?

Bob: You could take it up with the union. They are bargaining right now.

Cody: If there are due process concerns, get Student Success to be specific about what due process laws and rules (case law, WAC) they are concerned about. Then we can ask the AG to weigh in on that.

### 5. New Business

- Charge 8: ADI requirement
  - ADI committee cochairs Lily Vuong and Erica Holley will attend meeting at 3:15 to provide context and answer questions

Faculty Senate passed a motion in 2021 to institute an ADI-based graduation requirement.

Lilly V: The goal is to have this implemented by Fall 2024. ADI committee will have a template available (hopefully in May) so that faculty can start proposing coursing soon. That availability might get pushed back a bit.

One of the charges to keep track of is to ensure that the requirement does not delay graduation. So the ADI committee is recommending that the requirement can be fulfilled in projects or capstone courses outside of the standard course-based way of fulfilling the requirement. The ADI committee is also working to see if this can be partnered with the 184 outcomes, but that might be tricky because both 184 and the ADI requirements have already-approved outcomes which will need to be adhered to.

Erica H: We pushed this back a year from the original plan. There's a supply and demand issue here. We want to have people submitting courses, and we also need the professors to have a background that will be suitable to the courses.

Josh: Where will we store the learning outcomes in policy? Gen Ed? Curriculum Policy? Josh thinks it'd be a little odd for 5-90-40 to store the learning outcomes.

Questions about the petition process? That is being worked out.

**Motion to table until next meeting. Approved.**

## 6. Old Business

- Charge 1: Departmental Honors

There is a file in the Sharepoint folder with comments and markup from Curriculum Committee.

Mel: This seems to be a lot of work for faculty, especially for students that don't meet the GPA. Is this more of a "participation trophy?"

Josh: At senate the concern was that the GPA requirement would be exclusive and that we should think of this as a high impact practice that can be of great value to students.

Bob: The average GPA is 3.1, so this is pretty darn inclusive.

Andy: the value is in the project.

Cody: If the value is in the project and that the HIP, then is Honors the right name for this? Also, what is the sense of the votes on the senate floor? Where does EC stand on this? Do they want

Mel: Some of the Senate were saying get rid of GPA altogether.

Andy: Yes, that's what 1B is meant to help placate.

Mel: I would not be comfortable voting for it in this form. I don't feel that we've agreed to this. I feel like we ran out of time and also wanted to get more feedback. I don't mind getting voted down though.

Bob: Suggests that this committee take a quick vote on whether to include the A 1b (3.0 GPA etc.) as a compromise. Bob moves. Josh Seconds. 5 in favor. 1 against.

Next we discussed the following section, which deals with the course component.

Next section: Capstone course element.

Mel: The time commitment for the faculty is awfully high. Some programs might have a lot of students interested in this, and few faculty that can help with that. Especially for departments with a large number of majors and a small number of TT students.

Andy: Hard to say what will happen. Programs that already have honors have very few students that do it. There could be a way to assign WLUs to this.

Cody: For larger programs this would be a sizeable workload commitment. I'm concerned about numbers from a chair perspective. Do I have enough faculty that are already overloaded. And for example COTS does the rolling average, and our faculty are already maxed out on that.

Bob: This will overlap with a lot of the people that are doing Individual Studies, so this won't be just a pure addition.

Peter: Is it possible that the reason not a lot of students are doing honors is because they aren't aware of it? With more visibility, might we get a bigger influx of students?

Jason: History has an honors program, it's in the catalog, and 0-1 student in the last ten years have done it.

We do a little more word-smithing.

Bob moves to approve. Eric Seconds.

Passes 6 in favor 0 against.

- Charge 7: Academic Forgiveness
  - Review/discuss revised policy

Chair tables this charge for next time. The document is available on Teams to check out for the next meeting.

7. Chair of AAC for next year (2023-24)

- Eric Foch has been nominated.
- Other nominations will be accepted at this time
- vote

8. Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 11, 2023