Faculty Senate Minutes  
March 29, 2023
Meeting Minutes
4:30 p.m. Allen Ballroom
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Note: The remarks of the senators and others are summarized and not verbatim. The recording of this meeting is available via the Livestream.


ABSENT: Michelle Barthet, Richard Costner, Kelly Elliot, James Everett, Drew Kurlowski, Andy Weinbach, Lisa Winters

I. Faculty Senate Chair, Brian Bunton, called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

II. Roll call was taken by Faculty Senate Secretary, Wanda Dooley.

III. The March 1, 2023 minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

IV. The March 29, 2023 consent agenda was approved without any edits by unanimous consent.

V. PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
   A. President Benson provided the president's report
      • An advisory committee of seven people that will include faculty (5) and staff (2), will be formed with the goal of having an interim provost appointed by the end of May.
• Additional administrative changes will be coming and communicated at a later date.
• Two honorary degree recipients for the May commencement ceremony:
  o Senator Harvey Peeler
  o Chief Hatcher
B. Provost Daniel Ennis provided the provost's report.
  • Search committee will be announced for interim dean search for Spadoni College of Education and Social Sciences soon.
C. Vice President for Student Affairs Yvonne Hernandez Friedman
  • This presentation has been postponed until the next meeting.
D. Senior Director of Major and Planned Gifts Eric Rivenbark spoke regarding Giving Teal Tuesday, which will be on April 18, 2023.
E. SGA Executive Vice President Destiny Jackson presented an update on activities in the Student Government Association.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
A. Faculty Senate Chair Brian Bunton gave the executive committee report.
  • Undergraduate Administrative Actions #24-26 and Graduate Administrative Action #6 were generated and approved from the March 1, 2023 meeting.
  • Annual faculty elections are taking place. Colleagues are encouraged to vote. The elections must be done by next senate meeting so that executive committee members can be voted on.
  • Executive Council met regarding policy changes which included a new policy on university travel. Thanks was given to Jonathan Acuff and the committee for the work that has been done. The policy will now go to the BOT for final approval.

VII. NEW BUSINESS
A. Academic Affairs Committee (moved and seconded in committee)
  1. Motion: Proposal for new undergraduate program: Science Education (Grades 9-12, marine biology concentration) (Form D ID# 881)
     Motion passed with 51 in favor and 2 opposed.
  2. Motion: Changes to Withdraw Policy
     Teresa Burns moved to amend the motion and include removal of Dropping a Course section of the University Catalog.
     Sue Montenery seconded. Amendment was accepted by acclamation with no objections.
     The motion as presented passed with 52 in favor and 3 opposed.
B. Calendar Committee (moved and seconded in committee)
  1. Motion: Revision of Spring 2024 Calendar
     Motion made by Teresa Burns to refer this back to committee and have it brought back to the April 26 meeting. Aneilya Barnes seconded.
     Motion passed with 47 in favor and 6 opposed.
C. Distance Learning Committee (moved and seconded in committee)
   1. **Motion:** Make changes to the name, membership, and purpose of the Distance Learning Committee
      Motion passed with 41 in favor and 14 opposed.

D. Non-Tenure Track and Faculty Welfare Committees
   1. **Motion:** Add title “Principal Lecturer” as promotional tier for Lecturer, non-tenure track line.
      Motion to amend by Amber McWilliams to edit 6.7.5.v to change first sentence and remove *The six most recent annual reports* to *All annual reports*.
      An add to the last sentence *from the last hire, promotion, or post-promotion review*. Seconded by Jose Sanjines. Accepted by unanimous consent.
      The motion as amended passed with 53 in favor and 3 opposed.

XII. With no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.