



Faculty Senate  
February 7, 2024  
Meeting Minutes

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*Note: The remarks of the senators and others are summarized and not verbatim. The recording of this meeting is available in the Faculty Senate Recorder's office.*

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**PRESENT:** Jonathan Acuff, Jim Arendt, Aneilya Barnes, Michelle Barthet, Sourav Batabyal, Edurne Beltran, Steven Bleicher, Andrea Bergstrom, Miranda Breneman, Brian Bunton, Teresa Burns, David Carr, Thomas Castillo, Subhajit Chakraborty, Richard Costner Crystal Cox, Rajendra Dahal, Jamie Deitrick, Wanda Dooley, David Duncan, Robert Earnest Allison Faix, Paul Feirstein, Diane Fribance, Justin Guilkey, Siming Guo, Jeffry Halverson, Steven Hamelman, Suzanne Horn, Lee Hunter, Keshav Jagannathan, Bong Jeong, Drew Kurlowski, Brian Lee, Corey Lee, Alex Lefevre, Amanda Masterpaul, Emily McGill, Kristi McIntyre, Leann Mischel, Susan Montenero, Joseph Njuki, Adam Pelty, Tripti Pillai, Sara Rich, Gillian Richards-Greaves, Eric Resnis, Erin Rickard, Timothy Rotarius, Sherer Royce, Karen Sauls, Kimberly Schumacher, Kerry Schwanz, Lee Shinaberger, Kimberly Singleton, Lauren Stefaniak, Hongxia Wang, Wendy Weinhold, Jesse Willis, Lisa Winters, Tally Wright

**SUBSTITUTIONS:** Megan Cevasco for Vlad Gulis, Jeff Ranta for Kyle Holody, Simone Gause for Sheena Kauppila Menassie Ephrem for Nilo Ramos, Sadie DeSantis for Dory Sibley, Emma Howes for Ben Soto

**ABSENT:** April Abbot, Amber McWilliams, Jennifer Mocos, John Navin, Andy Weinbach

- I. Faculty Senate Chair Drew Kurlowski called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The November 29, 2023, minutes were adopted without any edits by unanimous consent.
- III. APPROVAL OF [CONSENT AGENDA](#) -The February 7, 2024 consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. Remarks from President Benson can be found on the Faculty Senate [additional resource page](#).
- B. Interim Provost, Sara Hottinger, provided the provost report.
  - Guidance will be published soon regarding faculty and student use of AI.
  - Continuing to gather information for the strategic academic plan. Plan is to hand information over to the new provost do that that they can then implement as needed. All are encouraged all to participate in their college level plan.
- C. SGA President, Gabrielle Ryder, provided report on SGA
  - Less than ten seats away from a full senate.
  - Almost all student seats have been filled on Faculty Senate committees.
  - Working with student health on policy regarding sick notes.
  - Anticipating engaging election season for SGA.
- D. Chief of Staff, Travis Overton, discussed faculty concerns regarding an upcoming campaign event on campus.
- E. Faculty Ombuds, Renee Smith, present Ombud information. Smith will continue to serve until the new University Ombud is hired and is serving on the search committee for this role.

## V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Faculty Senate Chair, Drew Kurlowski, presented the executive committee report.
  - Undergraduate administrative actions 6-14 and graduate administrative actions 2-3 were generated and approved from the November 29, 2023, senate meeting.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- Motion – [Proposal to approve the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar](#)  
Teresa Burns moved to amend the proposal for Wintermester to align with the previous calendar that was adopted in March 2022. Jeff Ranta seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous consent.  
**The motion as amended passed with 58 in favor and 6 opposed.**

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Academic Affairs Committee
  - **Motion:** New undergraduate program, [General Business \(Completion Program\), B.S.B.A.](#)  
**Motion passed with 63 in favor and 1 opposed.**
- B. Graduate Council
  - **Motion:** New graduate program, [M.Ed. in Counseling](#)  
**Motion passed with 60 in favor and 3 opposed.**

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Next senate meeting will be on March 13, 2024.

IX. With no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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