

Faculty Council Meeting

January 25, 2023, 9:00-10:00 am

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MINUTES

Faculty Council Member	Capacity	Present (P), Absent (A), or Recusal (X) ¹
Bill Kunz	Faculty Council Chair	P
Ben Meiches	Vice Chair	P
Cassie Miura	CAC Representative	P
Jane Compson	PPPA Representative	P
Haley Skipper	SAM Representative	P
Leighann Chaffee	SBHS Representative	P
Libi Sundermann	SHS Representative	P
Scott Rayermann	Lecturer at Large (SAM)	P
Loly Alcaide Ramirez	Dean's Diversity Advisory Council representative (CAC)	P
Ex-Officio Members	Capacity	(P), (A), or (X)
Natalie Eschenbaum	Dean	P
Joyce Dinglasan-Panlilio	Chair, Committee of Chairs	P
Kathleen Pike Jones	Assistant to the Dean/Note-Taker	P
Non-Member Participant	Capacity	(P), (A), or (X)
Jessica Asplund	Director of Academic and Finance Administration	P
Jeremy Davis	Associate Dean of Programs & Operations	P
Stephen Ross	Associate Dean of Faculty Development & Student Support	P
Vanessa de Veritch Woodside	Associate Dean, Equity & Inclusion	A

AGENDA

1. Land Acknowledgment (1 minute)
2. Approval of Agenda (2 minutes)
3. Approval of Minutes (2 minutes)
4. Updates & Announcements (15 minutes)
5. New Business – SIAS Curriculum Committee & 'W' requirement (15 minutes)
6. Hiring Plan Process (5 minutes)
7. February Faculty Meeting Agenda (10 minutes)
8. As may arise
9. Adjourn

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1. Land Acknowledgment
 - a. Faculty Council Chair Bill Kunz called the meeting to order and the council took a moment to reflect on the SIAS Land Acknowledgment before beginning the business of the meeting.
 2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. The agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent.
 3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes of the January 18, 2023 Faculty Council meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
 4. Updates & Announcements
 - a. *Dean's Diversity Advisory Council (DAC)*. The chair joined the DAC meeting on Monday to discuss how that council could support our discussions of structure, the Teaching Evaluation Policy, and a World Languages graduation requirement.
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- b. *Structure*. We are looking at models; meeting with the STEM School at UWB on 1/30; there will be many opportunities for discussion and feedback.
 - c. *Teaching Evaluation Policy*. There is ongoing discussion on what parts of the policy we can implement now.
 - d. *World Languages*. We are still awaiting demographic information from the registrar.
 - e. *Provost Working Group on Instructional Quality*. There will be subgroups for Student Evaluations, Peer Evaluations, and Self-Evaluations; there is also a Faculty Council on Teaching & Learning (which Leighann is on), and there are discussions of a subcommittee to explore the faculty support needed to implement any changes to these policies.
 - f. *Budget & Hiring*. There will be a 5 percent budget cut over 3 years, although it's still not completely clear if it will be equally spread across the campus; there is no hiring freeze, but we do need to keep the budget in mind; 5 percent over 3 years is 1.7 percent per year or approximately \$220,000 per year.
 - g. *UW Bookstore*. Michael Forman reached out to faculty members on the bookstore board and received an email from the chief operating officer of the store who said that it was his decision to close the UW Tacoma store; Faculty Assembly is going to take up the issue.
 - h. *International Scholars Operations*. There have been many challenges getting international faculty here recently; Kima Cargill recommended sending a letter to the Faculty Senate Chair or EC of the Faculty Assembly to find out what's can be done to speed up the process.
5. New Business – SIAS Curriculum Committee (ICC) and 'W' Requirement
- a. There have been discussions in regard to who should chair the ICC. The bylaws states that it is a member of Faculty Council. There are various questions Could a member of the faculty serve as the chair? Does the chair of the Curriculum Committee need to be faculty? In Seattle, the curriculum committee is primarily staff members; the bylaws would need to be changed for this to happen.
 - b. We need to create a 'W' Task Force; the ICC has drafted a letter requesting to create a task force.
 - c. "By March 2019, academic units (preferably at the level of individual major) will submit their W-course goals, structure, and assessment framework(s) to APCC," but this never happened.
 - d. The 'W' Task Force needs to be charged with recommending a course cap for W courses; create a revenue neutral scheduling framework that will allow majors to complete their 10 credits of W courses within 2 years; as well as create a process and guidelines that ICC can use to review W course proposals.
 - e. We need to look at what has already been decided and proceed from there; we need consistency for student planning.

6. Hiring Plan Process

Proposed Timeline: 1/12: Outline timeline to Shared Leadership; 1/27: Chairs submit draft proposals; 2/3: Request feedback at Faculty Meeting; 2/9: Shared Leadership discussion of draft proposals; 2/15: Chairs submit final drafts; 2/22: Faculty Council/Shared Leadership joint meeting; 2/28: Dean's office final prioritization; 3/3: Hiring info due to EVCAA.

7. February Faculty Meeting Agenda

- a. Structure report with information from the discussion with STEM School at UWB.
- b. Hiring priorities with budget update from Natalie.
- c. Provost Working Group on Instructional Quality.
- d. UWT Research Report & Funding – Cheryl Greengrove
- e. Reports & Opportunity for Questions
 1. Faculty Senate summary that included legislation that is now before the Senate.
 2. Executive Council summary
- f. Bylaw changes from Steve regarding updated titles?

8. As May Arise

9. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.