

Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
3:00 pm – 5:00pm
LSC: Damen Student Center 216
WTC: Corboy 202
HSC: CTRE 552

Minutes

In Attendance: Aisha Raees, Kristen Irwin, Laura Goldstein, Leanna Boychenko, Jenn Finn, Clara Burgo, Sarita Heer, Christine Beatty, Katrina Binaku, Jennifer Mierisch, Jim Devery, Twyla Blackmond-Larnell, Maribeth Rezey, Fredrick Kaefer, Pamela Morris, Michelle Lea, Leah Romaine, Ray Dybzinski, Abigail Silva, Stacey Platt, Julia Fitzgerald, Eleanor Bucholz, Keith Jones, Colleen Kordish, Tori Golden, Jonna Peterson

- 1) Call to Order - 3:14PM
- 2) Approval of Minutes - Approved
- 3) Chair Report
 - a) 2-year Retrospective:
 - i) Operation Best Friends – a success!
 - Everybody on FC should get along with every staffer and admin so well that when something crossed their desks, would call us first
 - Faculty central part of LUC – in practice we run university
 - Everybody’s daily interactions are supported by us or in support of us
 - University here for teaching and scholarship
 - b) Welcome Provost Woods
 - c) Welcoming the new Deans
 - i) Virginia McDermott, PhD: School of Communication
 - ii) Patricia Findley, Dr.PH, MSW, LCSW: School of Social Work
 - iii) Marty Connell, SJ, PhD: Arrupe College
 - iv) David McIntosh, PhD: School of Education
 - d) Welcoming the New Faculty
 - e) Graduate Student Summer Pay issues
 - Has been resolved and hopefully will not have another situation like this
 - f) SAC Accommodations – More students than ever need accommodations – stressing the office
 - g) CAS Office Hours Policy

- The policy has been changed to recommend faculty hold three office hours per week
- h) Development Center
- Related to provost office looking at infrastructure and trying to unify and standardize different faculty centers for development
 - Jim suggested Provost is center for Faculty Development – can be done by all staff around university
 - Can do the development on how to work with offices and Provost Office can coordinate to make sure it is available
 - Can justify increasing staff numbers in those offices – will directly interact with faculty to build personal relationships with staff – staff can teach us how to use resources in their offices
- 4) Vice-Chair Report
- 5) Secretary – student worker provided contact information and titles of top-tier administrators – posted in Teams
- 6) Executive Committee – website has been updated to reflect latest minutes, newsletters, representatives
- 7) Committee Reports
- a) Chair, Faculty Affairs
- i) Minor Administrative Stipends – information gathered and now making committee
- b) Chair, Academic Affairs
- i) First Committee Meeting held 9/11/24
 - ii) Streamlining the Rainbow Chart Processes – Met with Robyn Mallet
- c) Chair, Service & Communications
- i)
- 8) Guest: Rachel Shefner, PhD: Assistant Provost, Assessment, Accreditation and Academic Regulatory Compliance
- a) HLC (Higher Learning Commission) Briefing
- Need people to show up to session in late January and March 17-18 (site visit)
 - Major ideas to think about: The institution’s mission demonstrates commitment to the public good. - 2.D. The institution is committed to academic freedom and freedom of expression in the pursuit of truth in teaching and learning. - 3.B. The institution offers programs that engage students in collecting, analyzing and communicating information; in mastering modes of intellectual inquiry or creative work; and in developing skills adaptable to changing environments. - 4.B. The institution engages in ongoing

assessment of student learning as part of its commitment to the educational outcomes of its students. - 5.B. The institution's resource base supports its educational offerings and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future.

- Did some brainstorming concerning HLC issues – what works, what needs to be improved

9) Paul Roberts: Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success

a) 2024 Enrollment Cycle

- Have yet another larger-than-last-year freshman class
- Have had more transfer students than anticipated

10) Wayne Magdziarz: Senior Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer

a) Campus Planning

b) University Financial Update

- Overall, we are doing well
- Still have not seen enrollment cliff

11) Old Business

12) New Business

13) Adjournment – 5:08PM