



**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS**  
**2020-2021 FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 1, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 4:01PM, via WebEx

**I. Roll Call**

Present: Whittaker, Caceres, Lawrence, Smith, Benton, Montpetit, McBane, White, Yaklin, Kistner, Cook, Zych, Carpenter, Miner, Dunn, Fritz, Day, Stover, Black, Keith, Compora, Stroud, Nemeth, Alam, Taylor, Voss, Mezo, Baltus, Case, Sakowski, Foss, Rouillard, Semaan (33)

Absent: Hey, Yamazaki, Barnes, Lingan, Ferris, Beatty-Medina, Feldmeier, Christman, Dudley (9); Allred (on family leave, replacement tbd)

Vacancies: 3

Guests: Gregory, Hammel, Sullivan, Hintz, Ayres, Monsos, Shetty, Mattison (8)

**II. Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

Agenda for meeting submitted for approval; Motion to approve, second. Vote - Approve 33, Not Approved 0, Abstain 0. Agenda approved.

Minutes from last meeting held (November 17) submitted for approval; Motion to approve, second. Vote - Approve 33, Not Approved 0, Abstain 0. Minutes approved.

**III. Executive Report: Patricia Case**

Executive Committee met November 30; Discussed committee reports to be presented and agenda for council meeting on December 1; Discussed executive meeting dates for Spring 2021; Discussed pulling CAL resolution, union members should reach out to department rep or College rep (Chelsea Griffis) for union concerns; Nothing else to report.

**IV. Faculty Senate Report: Patrick Lawrence**

- Faculty Senate met November 24; Discussed hardship issues for students and petition for grade changes; Discussed Rocket Relaunch for January; Discussed COVID status on campus, no decision made yet on class changes, possible town hall meeting in January if classes changes are needed; Announced trustees meeting set for December 14 to discuss next budget and financial status of UTM.

**V. Graduate Council Report: tbd**

- Graduate Council last met December 1; Discussed new academic grievance policy, to be reviewed in Spring; Discussion held with Provost regarding RCM, no updates; Discussed commencement website for December; Discussed COVID student guidebook to be updated, no further updates; Discussed Spring/Fall enrollments and applications, positive so far; Discussed GSA elections, to be scheduled soon, no further updates;

Schroeder provided budget update; Discussion held about no firewall between UT and UTMC; Provided update on COVID and vaccines.

**VI. Dean's Report: Dean Gilbert**

None

**VII. Curriculum Committee Report: Linda Rouillard**

Curriculum Committee met regarding three items, detailed documents sent out via email, spreadsheet brought up in meeting.

- Two course modifications put forth - ART1030 (no major credit changed), ART2950 (title and course number change, no repeat credit, catalog edits, remove pre-req). Both modifications submitted for approval; motion to approve, second. Vote - Approve 33, Not Approved 0, Abstain 0. Course modifications approved.
- One new course proposal put forth - ENGL3660 (new Latinx Literature course). Proposal submitted for approval; motion to approve, second. Vote - Approve 33, Not Approved 0, Abstain 0. One course proposal approved.

Nothing else to discuss/report.

**VIII. Elections Committee Report: Jetsa Caceres**

Nothing to report

**IX. Bylaws/Constitution Committee Report: Jami Taylor**

Nothing to report

**X. Old Business**

None

**XI. New Business**

None

**XII. Announcements/General Questions**

- Montpetit announced next CAL Faculty Council meeting set for January 26, reminder and invite to be sent out in January.
- Day announced she and Hey will be hosting online screening of David Host's work-in-progress *Compassion* this evening at 6:00PM for World AIDS Day.

**XIII. Appendices**

None

**XIV. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn, second. Vote - For 33, Against 0, Abstain 0.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 @ 4:00PM, via Webex

**Secretary Notes:** [Webex Recording](#) (with closed captioning, attendee list and chat transcript); [College of Arts and Letters Faculty Council](#) (updated webpage link).

Updated 1/27/21, subject to change.