



College of Arts and Letters
2021-2022 Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2021, Webex

Call to Order 4:00 PM

I. Roll Call

Present: Alamina, Allred, Baltus, Beatty, Benton, Black, Branson, Caceres, Carpenter, Christman, Compura, Cook, Dudley, Dunn, Emonds (for Semaan), Feldmeier, Ferris, Foss, Grazzini, Hey, Keith, Kistner, McBane, Mezo, Monteleone, Montes (for Yamazaki), Montpetit, Nemeth, Orloff (for Miner), Rouillard, Sakowski, Sapci, Smith, Stauch, Stover, Thompson-Casado, Whittaker, Xianlin, Yaklin (39)

Absent: Alam, Case, Crookston, Heberle, Taylor (5)

Vacancies: 1

Guests: Ayres, Gilbert, Hammel, Hintz, Gregory, Padilla (5)

II. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Meeting agenda submitted for approval; Motion to approve with date correction; Second; Vote: Agenda Approved.

Minutes from October 19, 2021, meeting submitted for approval; Motion to approve; Second; Vote: Minutes Approved.

III. Executive Committee Report: Jetsa Caceres

The Annual Meeting of the College Faculty date will be confirmed soon by the Dean.

IV. Faculty Senate Report: Suzanne Smith

The Executive Committee met on October 26 and met with President Postel. The new Strategic Planning Committee will consist of 22 people, including two from Faculty Senate. Tim Brakel and Jason Huntley will represent faculty concerns. President Postel's goals for the Committee: fewer, more focused, actionable objectives; support provided by freeing-up resources; and metrics to measure progress.

Faculty Senate's role in the RCM budget model was discussed with Provost Bjorkman, particularly the goal of shared governance, and the involvement of faculty and Senate in long-term financial planning discussions.

The Board of Trustees provided feedback on the Faculty Senate Constitution. The suggested changes are being reviewed by the Constitution Committee.

A new Transfer Student Engagement Team has been formed and is located in Rocket Hall.

The Deans are setting up models for colleges and government structures with the colleges; each college will get a template to build their budgets and to plan for revenues versus costs. Parallel budgeting of the two models for comparison is in progress.

The Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee presented a Memorandum supporting the University's vaccine mandate and opposing proposed Ohio House Bills banning vaccine mandates.

The Higher Learning Commission visit is scheduled for November 8 and 9; no forums are planned specifically for faculty, staff, or students, but two 50-minute open forums will be scheduled on four specific criteria. Criteria 1 and 2 will be discussed on November 8 at 1:00 PM in the Student Union, followed by criteria 3 and 4 at 2:00 PM. Faculty are encouraged to attend both forums. Information is available on UT's HLC web page.

V. Dean's Report: Charlene Gilbert

Vaccine registry numbers are improving; please continue to follow through.

The College retention committee is following up with students post-midterm grades, particularly those with two or more grades below C-. Success Coaches have joined this committee; three different Success Coaches work with Arts & Letters students and will help the Retention Committee's outreach efforts. Faculty are asked to please follow-up with students if asked by department Chair; first semester performance is a strong indicator of the likelihood of graduating, so ensuring students have the support they need is crucial.

Faculty are asked to help with the Junior-year Check-in; this effort is to try and help students think about their goals after graduation, whether that is a job, graduate or professional school, internship, or another opportunity. Students who plan to attend graduate school would benefit from applying for Undergraduate Summer Research funding.

The Dean's Office has asked the Transfer Admission Office to make sure our College's transfer residency requirements are in line with those of other institutions, such as BGSU and Miami University, so that we are competitive. In addition, the College is trying to identify and centralize past articulation and transfer agreements. Departments are asked to share any documentation they may have with the Dean's office, as formal agreements are coming back to supplement and support the information provided in the portal for prospective transfer students.

Undergraduate Attrition Report by Denise Bartell, Associate Vice Provost for Student Success, shows that in fall 2019, 2890 students left the University without a degree. Of those, 30% were underrepresented minorities, 30% were Pell awarded students, 494 were in good academic standing of 3.0 GPA or higher, 591 had 90 credits or more.

The Student Needs Assessment Survey, spring 2020, showed that stress about transportation was a top 5 predictor both spring and fall semesters. [Brief discussion about the current parking situation and stress it has on students.]

The budget is due November 23, with several vettings and Committee processes; the process will likely last into spring. Dean Gilbert is putting together a College Budget Advisory Committee to help identify college priorities, values, and goals that should be reflected in the College budget. Email to all will be sent.

VI. Curriculum Report: Linda Rouillard

Program Proposals: Advanced Economics Certificate; Advanced Quantitative Economics Certificate; Environmental Economics Certificate; Public Policy Economics Certificate; Environmental Economics Minor; Public Policy Economics Minor. Vote: all approved.

New Course: ECON 4900 – Undergraduate Research Experience. Vote: approved.

Course Modifications: ART 3950 – Contemporary Design Methods and Practices; ART 1070 – Foundations of Digital Media; PSY 6810/7810 - Clinical Practicum I; PSY 6820/7820 - Clinical Practicum II; PSY 6830/7830 - Clinical Practicum III; PSY 6840/7840 - Clinical Practicum IV. Vote: all approved.

VII. Announcements

The Department of Women's and Gender Studies Undergraduate Research Workshop is November 16th from 2:00-3:30 PM.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn; Second; Motion Approved; Meeting Adjourned