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FACULTY SENATE

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Summary of Discussion

Note: The taped recording of this meeting is available in the Faculty Senate office or in the University Archives.

President Rouillard: Good afternoon. I'd like to call this meeting to order and ask Dr. Suzanne Smith to call the roll please.

Senator Smith: All right. Does everybody hear me okay?

President Rouillard: Yes, we hear you.

Senator Smith: All right, good. Thank you.

Present: Ammon Allred, Rafael Garcia-Mata (Proxy for T. Avidor-Reiss), Martin Ohlinger (Proxy for G. Baki), Sharon Barnes, John Bellizzi, Sheri Benton, Terry Bigioni, David Black (Proxy for R. Padilla), Timothy Brakel, Ritu Chakravarti, Carmen Cioc, Daniel Compota, Vicki Dagostino-Kalniz, Maria Diakonova, Holly Eichner, Hossein Elgafy, Elyce Ervin, Diana Frantz (Proxy for K. Green), Sally Harnych, Renee Heberle, Cindy Herrera, Mitchel Howard, Jason Huntley, Gary Insch, Dinkar Kaw, Revathy Kumar, Linda Lewin, Kimberly McBride, Daniel McInnis, Thomas McLoughlin, Kimberly Nigem, Katherine O'Connell, Mahasin Osman, Elaine Reeves, Linda Rouillard, Eric Sahloff, Paul Schaefer, Barry Scheuermann, Gaby Semaan, Kathy Shan, Chunhua Sheng, Puneet Sindhwani, Suzanne Smith (Proxy for D. Coulter-Harris), Stan Stepkowski, Steven Suchek, Weiqing Sun, Jami Taylor, William Taylor, Kasey Tucker-Gail, James Van Hook, Jerry Van Hoy, Randall Vesely, Donald Wedding

Excused Absence: Deborah Coulter-Harris

Unexcused Absence: Elissar Andari, Bruce Bamber, Collin Gilstrap, Cyrus Hagigat (for Jayatissa), Samir Hefzy, Lauren Koch, Mohamed Moussa, Jennifer Reynolds, Stan Stepkowski, Aela Vely

Senator Smith cont'd: We have a quorum, President Rouillard.

President Rouillard: Thank you, Suzanne. Our next order of business is to adopt the agenda, but I do have to amend the agenda that you see in front of you to include under other business, before the Faculty Student Affairs Committee, an election of a new president-elect for the old Senate. After the Student Affairs Committee, we will have a brief presentation on a department name change for Communications by Chair Ben Myers. So, with those amendments, I will ask you to approve the agenda. I will type yes, no, or abstain in the Chat box. And I will ask for a voice vote for those in the room. All those in favor of the agenda, please signify by saying 'aye.'

In-Person Senators: Aye

President Rouillard: Those who are opposed? Any abstentions? Hearing none. I believe the 'ayes' have it in the room. We'll wait on Quinetta regarding online.

Quinetta Hubbard, Faculty Senate Administrative Secretary: Yes.

President Rouillard: Okay, that has passed. *Agenda Passed.*

The next order of business is the approval of Minutes, March 26th and April 09th. I believe those were distributed to you. All those in favor of approving the Minutes, please type ‘yes,’ ‘no’ or ‘abstain’ in the Chat box. And in the room, a voice vote —‘yes,’ ‘no’ or ‘abstain.’ We’ll let Quinetta monitor that and we’ll move to the *Executive Committee report*: Good afternoon and welcome to the final meeting of the 2024 Faculty Senate.

As you may have learned, Dr. Postel announced today that he has accepted a position as Senior Vice President of Health Care and Dean of the College of Medicine at the University of Cincinnati. While we do not know the date of his final day, we take this opportunity to congratulate him, wish him well in his new position, and thank him for his contributions to the University of Toledo.

Dr. Kimberly McBride as of yesterday resigned as President-Elect of FS, though she remains a senator until the end of the semester. She is also leaving for a position in the state of Washington. We are appreciative of all of her efforts on behalf of the University, our faculty, and our students, and we wish her well in her new position.

Because of this resignation, we will elect a new president-elect for the “old” senate during this meeting, who will then become the new president of the new senate at 5pm.

I also wish to thank our FS standing committees and ad hoc Retention and Recruitment committee for their work this year. From the Student Affairs Committee (chaired by Deborah Coulter-Harris and Sally Harmych), to Constitution and Rules (chaired by Rob Steven), to Elections (Chaired by Dave Black), the Academic Programs Committee (chaired by Dan Compura), Undergraduate Curriculum (chaired by Lynne Hamer and myself) and the Core Curriculum Committee (chaired by Sharon Barnes), Faculty Affairs (chaired by Ammon Allred) and Academic Regulations (chaired by Barry Schuermann), these committees have advanced the institution to do better by our students and faculty. My thanks to all of you and to your committee members.

I also wish to recognize the contributions of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee made up of Kimberly McBride, Jerry Van Hoy, Tim Brakel, Cindy Herrera, Barry Schuermann, Sharon Barnes, Deborah Coulter-Harris, Suzanne Smith and past president Gary Insch. We have worked well together and regularly interacted with administration in the interests of our students first and foremost. Our thanks to Interim Provost Molitor for assuming heavy administrative tasks this year, for working with FS, and for his transparency.

Finally, let me thank all of this year’s senators: your participation in the work of this body give me hope for the future of this institution. Your contributions to shared governance demonstrate your dedication to the advancement of this institution. Your efforts in shared governance can preserve this institution for future generations.

I gave my last report to the BOT on Wed., April 17 and will forward that to Quinetta to attach to the minutes of this meeting <See page 26>.

And now, something that is completely positive. It is my honor to present to Quinetta her UT pin marking 15 years of service. So, we also want to thank Quinetta for all the work she’s done on behalf of Faculty Senate. Does anybody from the Executive Committee has anything to add? Yes?

Senator McBride: Yes, I do. I’d actually like to call a point of order, if I may.

President Rouillard: Okay.

Senator McBride: All right. We as the Faculty Senate would like to present you, President Rouillard with a plaque commemorating your years of service. It's almost like a lifetime achievement award. You've served [in this role more] than once, and maybe more than any other faculty. Congratulations. We appreciate your tireless commitment to shared governance, your passion for higher education, and all of the support that you have given us as faculty.

President Rouillard: Thank you for that. I appreciate that. I'm happy to handover control to someone else. But it's been my pleasure, my honor to do whatever I can to advance the institution. So, we'll move on to our next report which is from Interim Provost Molitor. Are you there?

Provost Molitor: I am. Can you hear me?

President Rouillard: We can hear you.

Provost Molitor: Thank you, Dr. Rouillard. I will keep this brief knowing that you have a full agenda. It is hard to believe this is the final Faculty Senate meeting of the 2023-24 academic year.

As Dr. Rouillard mentioned, Dr. Postel announced this morning that he is stepping down as President to pursue an opportunity at the University of Cincinnati. I just learned about this yesterday afternoon, and I know as much as you do at this point. I will make sure I communicate any information I receive on the transition and timing as soon as I receive it.

Since this is the last meeting, I would like to acknowledge your work and the work of our colleagues throughout this academic year. A lot has transpired, and it has been a challenging year in many respects, but I truly appreciate the focus that our faculty and staff have kept on the success of our current students and on our ability to enroll new students. We have some challenging days ahead, but thanks to everyone's efforts, I believe many of these challenging days are behind us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our colleagues that will be retiring or leaving UToledo for other positions. I appreciate everything you have done for our students and for our institution, and in many cases, what you have meant personally to me and my career. You will be missed, and I hope you will always think of UToledo as your home.

I would also like to thank everyone that has served on Faculty Senate, Graduate Council, Research Council, college councils, personnel committees, and a variety of other governance bodies. Your service on these bodies is essential for shared governance, which in turn is essential to ensure we are making the best decisions as an academic institution.

And despite disagreements on several issues, I appreciate the dialogue and open lines of communication that the Faculty Senate has afforded me this year. I am grateful to the members of the Executive Committee for their service, and I am especially grateful to Linda for her leadership this past year. I will look forward to continuing my work with the Faculty Senate and other faculty governance bodies throughout the summer and during the upcoming year.

We will continue our efforts this Summer to strengthen our institution, and I will look forward to providing updates on our efforts when Faculty Senate reconvenes in the Fall. Thanks for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions.

President Rouillard: Thanks, Provost Molitor. Any questions in the room or online? I'm not seeing any, but again, thank you, Provost Molitor for always being there for Senate. Oh, I'm sorry, there is a question from Senator Barnes.

Senator Barnes: Just a comment, Provost Molitor. Thank you for all your work as well. I'm speaking for myself, just to say that if you can carry the message to the administration that we would love to see a traditional national search for the next president of the University. That by far would be my personal preference.

President Rouillard: I would second that.

Provost Molitor: Okay.

President Rouillard: But again, thank you, Provost Molitor. You've really been very helpful to the Senate in many ways, and we appreciate your efforts.

Provost Molitor: I think there's a question online. Dr. Chakravarti.

Dr. Chakravarti: Thank you, Provost Molitor very much for the update. I'm just curious. Going forward in the next AY24-25, do you think that enrollment is going to stay stable or is it going upward/downward? What trend are you expecting?

Provost Molitor: My understanding is that in the budget projections, they are projecting a slight decrease—I forget the percentage—3 or 4% overall. I am hopeful that we will actually stay flat or even grow a little bit given some of the initiatives we are pursuing. And I should point out, for those of you that saw the presentation at the Board Finance meeting on Friday, that our tuition revenues are exceeding projections for this year and our scholarship spend is actually below expectations for this year. In terms of net tuition revenue, we seem to be ahead of where we were projected by a few million dollars at this point in the year. That is good news and positive signs there.

Dr. Chakravarti: Thank you.

President Rouillard: Provost Molitor, do we know what the status is on enrollment management? I know we have an interim consultant from Huron, but as I understand it, his contact ends June 30th.

Provost Molitor: That is correct, he will be leaving June 30th. We are in conversations with Huron right now. We were hoping to have a permanent in place, but the search is just beginning, and with the transition of the president position, that may affect that timeline as well. We will be having conversations regarding an interim in that position.

President Rouillard: So, there is a search ongoing for that position?

Provost Molitor: We have kicked off the search and engaged in an external search firm. We had our first meeting with the committee this past week with the goal of having someone in place by the end of the summer.

President Rouillard: Thank you.

Provost Molitor: Dr. Eichner?

Senator Eichner: Hello. I have a question for you after that positive financial news you shared. I'm just curious, if we're seeing some positive momentum and positive budget issues, why was so much money

swept from colleges including money that was earmarked for faculty lines that were in process of being hired? You know, we can't continue to work without faculty that have been missing for years and years. And this continuous chipping away at the budget of colleges to feed administration doesn't seem to make good sense, especially when you come back and say that 'the numbers are looking good.' So, can you help me understand?

Provost Molitor: Yes. I think we are still to the point where we are trying to get our expenses more in line with our revenue even though our revenues are coming in higher than projected. They are still projected to be lower than they were the previous year, given some ongoing enrollment challenges and given issues with Auxiliaries and other areas. We in Academic Affairs are working very diligently to resolve these budget issues to minimize the disruptions that some of these swept lines have caused. We are still working on this, and we do realize it would significantly pose challenges to delivering our academic programs if those budget cuts remain in place.

Senator Eichner: Thank you. It is really true; it is really hard to grow a program with no staff and no faculty---

Provost Molitor: I understand.

Senator Eichner: You know, when we cannot hire teachers very quickly, you know, it is hard to kind of understand why we can't focus on our business of education.

Provost Molitor: True. Dr. Avidor-Reiss, you had your hand up.

Senator Avidor-Reiss: Yes, I have a similar question regarding the budget cuts. Are there any clear budget cuts? Also, there was something about new positions were going to be frozen. I assume this isn't going to affect enrollment.

Provost Molitor: No, I do not think the statement was 'all positions were frozen.' I believe the statement was that there would be a sweeping of vacant lines and we would be managing the refilling of positions as needed. I do not think a 'complete freeze' was the original statement.

Senator Avidor-Reiss: Perfect. Thank you.

Senator Dagostino: Hi, Dr. Molitor. Thanks for taking my question. I think I read an article, I believe it was in *The Blade*, about the Board of Trustees approving money transfers to some doctors at the Medical School. I haven't heard about that anywhere, so I am wondering if you could talk to that a little bit.

Provost Molitor: That was related to the issue that there was a cybersecurity attack on a third-party vendor we use to clear our insurance claims. This was a short-term loan to cover costs and to fill our insurance claims and processes. It is not really a transfer of money, it is just a short-term loan to cover expenses, payroll, that kind of thing until we were able to get the insurance claims processed and that money paid back.

Senator Dagostino: Oh, okay. The article was kind of brief and really didn't explain anything, so I thought I would just ask. I appreciate that.

Dr. Semaan: Thank you again, Dr. Molitor for all you have been doing. I know it's a lot of work, especially since the President is currently transitioning. Can you tell me if that change is going to affect the enrollment we have?

Provost Molitor: You're wondering how these changes would potentially affect our enrollment. Is that the question?

Senator Semaan: That is correct, a negative impact.

Provost Molitor: I believe everybody's focus from the Board of Trustees on down is enrollment. Whatever changes we are going to make will not adversely affect enrollment. This is going to be the top of every conversation regarding any decisions we make.

Senator Semaan: Maybe the next question is what can we do as Senate and faculty to ensure the stability of leadership because we know that does have some kind of impact on enrollment? Is there anything we can do?

Provost Molitor: Yes, I think your efforts as Faculty Senate, particularly through the Recruitment and Retention Committee report have been very well received. As Greg McDonald, who is serving as our Interim in Enrollment Management VP says, this is something that makes the position attractive for enrollment management candidates--knowing that the faculty are this focused and engaged. I would say, please keep doing what you are doing, and we really do appreciate your efforts. Is there one more question? Okay. Thank you.

President Rouillard: Thank you, Provost Molitor. We appreciate your time.

Provost Molitor: Thank you.

President Rouillard: Next, we'll go to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee's report. These are quite perfunctory. They mostly relate to updated pre-reqs and co-reqs, or correction typos. So the first one is **Electrical Engineering Computer Science 3150, Data Communication**. This is just a change in prereqs and co-reqs due to limited instructional resources previously used pre-req. mod 400. It isn't available, and so they are looking for alternative statistic courses. And this has been discussed with the Math Department.

EECS 3210, Signal Systems. Again, they have updated the SLOs, and updated prereqs and programs.

EECS 3440, this is an update, a change to the title, which will now be operating systems and systems programing. They indicate that the change was due because systems and operating systems are different terms in computer science. And so, they are updating the title and updating SLOs.

EECS 3550, Software Engineering has updated SLOs and prereqs, specifically to add English 1130 to the list of prereqs.

EECS 4180, Computer Network. This was a typo in the catalog to correct one of the prereqs.

President Rouillard cont'd: So, that is it for the course modifications. We have one new course proposal, which is UC 1010 Study Abroad Orientation. This is a non-credit bearing course that is mostly administrative preparation for students who are leaving for study abroad. And so, because these are all kind of very cut and dry, I am going to ask for a block vote on both the modifications and the new course proposal, unless there are any questions or comments. Hearing none. Okay, in that case, I'm going to ask for a voice vote for all of these. In the Chat box, please indicate yes, no, or abstain on these proposals and modifications. And in the room, if you approve these course proposals and modifications, please signify by saying, aye.

Group of Senators: Aye.

President Rouillard: Any nays? Any abstentions? *Motion Passed.* Okay. That then brings us to the elections of a president-elect for the old Senate to replace Kimberly McBride. So, we will do this by Chat box and voice vote in the room. Are there any nominations for president-elect?

Senator Huntley: I have a quick question, President Rouillard.

President Rouillard: Yes?

Senator Huntley: I understand this is an unusual situation.

President Rouillard: Yes.

Senator Huntley cont'd: But is this covered in the Constitution?

President Rouillard: Not for a departure of a president-elect. I think there is language about president and other officers. But I think given the spirit of the language that is in the Constitution, we need to take care of this officer vacancy in this meeting now, as opposed to electing a new president in the next meeting along with a president-elect and the rest of the faculty senate executive committee. Now, there is language in the Constitution that does say that a new president cannot be in their first year of a three-year term. So, we do have that limitation and we should keep that in mind as we elect a new president-elect in this Senate who will then become president in the next Senate.

Senator Huntley: I'm just wondering whether or not it might be better to discuss whether the new Faculty Senate should vote on who their new president is vs. the old Faculty Senate.

President Rouillard: Well, the new Faculty Senate would not be discussing their new president because this president-elect would become their president. The new Senate does not choose their president. That person has already been designated by the president-elect.

Senator Wedding: We have jurisdiction over this, not them. They are not yet in place. This position was initially elected by us, and now we're going to replace that person. So, the new Senate- no, they don't have jurisdiction over this.

Senator Huntley: Let's be clear. It is not in the Constitution, so there really isn't a statue---

President Rouillard: Nothing in the Constitution really addresses this particular type of resignation. It is just the president one.

Senator Huntley: I'm just asking in the absence of a clear set of rules for process. Does this process have to be voted on by this body in terms of Faculty Senate?

President Rouillard: The Faculty Senate Exec. discussed this, and we discussed this, in fact with the provost yesterday. We agreed that this was the best approach.

Senator Huntley: And is that in the Constitution that it would be decided by the Executive Committee and the Provost or---?

President Rouillard: No.

Senator Huntley: Because I think it says in the Constitution that if there is ambiguity—I don't remember the exact language—but that the Faculty Senate votes on it.

President Rouillard: Well, Faculty Senate, you are here now, tell me your desire. Is there a desire to discuss this procedure?

Senator Wedding: I move that we elect a new president-elect. That would be my motion. I need a second.

Senator Van Hoy: I second.

President Rouillard: We will do a vote on this motion to elect in this Senate a new president-elect. In the Chat box, please---

Senator Barnes: President Rouillard, question. Is there discussion?

President Rouillard: You're right. Do you have a question?

Senator Barnes: No, I don't have anything to say. I just---

President Rouillard: No, you're quite right. Is there any discussion? There is a motion on the table.

Senator Barnes: What are you thinking?

Senator Huntley: Again, it is not written. I'm just asking what is best for the faculty given that it is so late in the semester. And again, it is unprecedented. I'm just trying to think about what is best for next year's Faculty Senate where this group elects now the new president-elect or whether the new Faculty Senate should vote on who their president should be.

Senator Heberle: I think I agree with Senator Wedding, it is really the previous Senate who elects. We didn't elect you, President Rouillard.

Senator Barnes: We elected you, right?

President Rouillard: That's right.

Senator Barnes: I'm with the spirit of Senator Wedding in that, that the process be that we elect the next president, and that is really all we're doing.

Senator Wedding: I call for the question.

President Rouillard: Okay. Do we vote on calling the question or vote on the motion?

Senator Wedding: I'll withdraw the call for the question if we can just go ahead and vote.

President Rouillard: Is there anybody else who wants to continue the discussion?

Senator McLoughlin: Perhaps to clarify that we can have some discussion about including that in the Constitution in the future.

President Rouillard: Although ultimately the Constitution says that when there is ambiguity, the Faculty Senate does clarify things, ultimately. Is there any discussion? Any other discussion? Alright then, then we will call for a vote. If you approve the motion that this Faculty Senate would vote to replace the president-elect who is resigning, please indicate yes, no or abstain in the Chat box. Are there any comments?

Quinetta Hubbard, Faculty Senate Administrative Secretary: Yes, there are, in fact, several. Do you want me to go up?

President Rouillard: Scroll down, Quinetta.

Quinetta Hubbard, Faculty Senate Administrative Secretary: Okay, keep going?

President Rouillard: You can. <Chat Box Comment> The Faculty Senate shall vote for election in accordance with---

Quinetta Hubbard, Faculty Senate Administrative Secretary: I'm sorry. Did I pass it?

President Rouillard: Yes. Keep going forward.

Quinetta Hubbard, Faculty Senate Administrative Secretary: Okay.

Senator Huntley: This is why I'm asking – Kim sent an email which contradicts what we're doing today. I'm just trying to understand.

President Rouillard: What was the contradiction?

Senator Huntley: Kim sent an email to the faculty that she would gavel in the new Faculty Senate and then there would be an election for the new president.

President Rouillard: That was before our discussion as a Faculty Senate Executive Committee with the Provost yesterday.

Senator Huntley: It is just confusion about what is actually going to occur today.

President Rouillard: Okay, but the Constitution only addresses vacancy of the past-president and the new president. It doesn't address the president-elect, but it says that Faculty Senate has the requirement to elect.

Senator Wedding: Are we having an election right at this point? Did you already call for a vote?

President Rouillard: Yes, I have.

Senator Van Hoy: Some people already voted in the Chat.

President Rouillard: So, these are the votes online that are already there. Is that correct?

Quinetta Hubbard, Faculty Senate Administrative Secretary: Yes.

President Rouillard: So, in the room, all those who favor an election in this Faculty Senate for president-elect, please signify by saying 'aye.' Any objections? Abstentions? Hearing none. All right, then we will open the floor to nominations for president-elect. Are there nominations?

Senator Wedding: I nominate Jerry Van Hoy.

President Rouillard: Senator Van Hoy, do you accept the nominations?

Senator Van Hoy: Sure.

President Rouillard: Okay, thank you. Are there other nominations for president-elect? And please bear in mind that since this person will become president over the next Senate, it needs to be somebody that is not in their first-year of their senate term.

Senator Van Hoy: I believe I'm in my first-year.

President Rouillard: But you've already served before and you're leaving one term to another.

Senator Van Hoy: You're right.

President Rouillard: Any other nominations? <Chat Box Nomination> Senator Kaw, do you accept the nomination?

Senator Kaw: No, I don't accept. Thank you.

President Rouillard: All right. Any other nominations? Is there a move to close the nominations? <Chat Box Nomination> Oh, there is a nomination for Senator Sindhvani. Senator Sindhvani, do you accept the nomination?

Senator Sindhvani: President Rouillard, when does the president-elect become president?

President Rouillard: In about 21 minutes.

Senator Sindhvani: I'm so sorry, I'm Chief of Staff for the next two years. I'm so sorry. Thank you for nominating me, but not for the next two years.

Unknown Senator: I nominate Sharon Barnes.

President Rouillard: Senator Barnes, do you accept the nomination?

Senator Barnes: Thank you very much, but no.

President Rouillard: Any other nominations?

Unknown Senator: Did Senator Barnes accept or did she decline?

President Rouillard: She declined. <Chat Box Nomination> There is a nomination for Senator Lauren Koch. Senator Koch, do you accept?

Senator Koch: No, I do not. Thank you.

President Rouillard: Is there a motion to close nominations?

Senator Wedding: I move to close nominations.

Senator Tucker-Gail: Second.

President Rouillard: All those in favor of closing nominations in the Chat box, please indicate yes, no or abstain. Those in the room in favor of closing nominations, please indicate by saying, aye.

Group of Senators: Aye.

President Rouillard: Those who oppose? Abstentions? Hearing none. *Motion Passed.*

Then Senator Van Hoy, we congratulate you upon your election to Faculty Senate as President-Elect. We appreciate your work and willingness to work on behalf of faculty.

Okay, that brings us to a brief report from Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee by Sally Harmych.

Senator Harmych: I promise I'll keep it brief. I know we are limited on time, so I'm going to go ahead and start. So, thank you again for letting me speak. I appreciate the small bit of time that I've been given today.

So, you should have received our full report. If not, it should be going out soon. I'm doing the briefest overview possible. As you know, each year our committee, Student Affairs, contacts Student Government and asks them for the top four concerns from the students for that year. This year we tackled the concerns

dealing with dining, residence halls' life, parking, and student involvement in activities. Student Government basically asked us to address the following concerns. Over the last two years they noticed that student involvement has been relatively low. Even though there have been numerous campus activities, there's been low turnout. It seems that students don't want to leave their comfortable rooms and attend. And while they saw some upturn from organizations for the fall, they were wondering if that was going to continue. So, here we are.

We decided as a committee to administer a survey using Qualtrics to help understand which activities may generate the greatest student interest. So, to determine items to include in the survey, we asked students to provide suggestions. Then Dr. Deborah Coulter-Harris, our wonderful leader, identified the following activity themes for the survey questions. These included academic, sports, cultural activities, arts, social events, and entertainment. And then in addition to that, we gave them specific activities to say whether or not they would participate or be unsure about, and also asked them to give us...activities as well. So, we started with a simple question: Are students interested in participating? And yes, they are.

They were divided into students who are living on campus and off-campus. We had about 1,001 students who completed the survey. We got it out to students by sending it to the classrooms of individuals on the committee. So, across the number of different colleges, about 54% on campus said yes, they were interested in participating and about 44% of the students off-campus said they are interested in participating. Then about 40-49% said they were unsure. And we will talk about some of the limitations or barriers they see in participating. So, the remaining questions were focused on identifying different types of activities that students would be interested in seeing on campus. Basically, they were given a list of activities that they can say, yes, I would participate or I'm not sure if I would participate.

There are detail drafts in the report, and so here are kind of the top activities that they said they would like to see or would be interested in participating in for each of the categories. So, in academics, leadership training, trivia nights, or AI training. For sports, dodge ball tournaments, campus campout events etc. Also, other things like coffee chats, international film festival, visiting the Toledo Museum of Arts, on campus art exhibits, food drives, toy drives etc. If we continue, these are their suggestions. At the top of the list is movie nights. And I did notice that we had movie nights this semester, and I hope they were well attended. Then there were a number of different things that I would love to see on campus as well to be honest with you. So, just to kind of finish up.

We also asked them what would be good times to schedule things for them and so, this kind of gives an overview. You can see Thursday and Fridays seem to be the most popular later in the evening. There was also a bit of a large number of individuals who were interested available during the day. Those were primarily commuter students who would like to see things in the day, kind of from 8-noon and the noon-4 o'clock period of time. There weren't a lot of interest in participating on Saturday and Sundays, surprisingly when they're going to be most free.

Moving on to the final slide, just kind of some of the final thoughts. So, good to know, the reasons students say they do not attend is due to work, lack of time. Often times they are doing an event, or it is a conflict with their schedule. It is really common with the commuter students. They don't want to drive back to campus that day. You know, I feel like that some days after I get home from work. On campus, students just don't want to leave their rooms all the time. Many of them expressed they have anxiety about meeting new people and going to events where they might have to. Those that did participate in activities said they did enjoy them and got help from other people. Our students do want a more active campus life and some of them have started building on those activities.

And then the last one, which I think is probably the biggest one is that students often don't hear about events beforehand -- they are not well marketed, and by the time they realize what is going on, they just can't fit it in their schedule, or they already have plans for the day. So that is the overview of our report. We will be sending this to the administration, the Student Affairs Office as well student involvement and Student Government. We are hoping that they will be able to take this to heart and take the list and move forward and maybe find some events to add to our campus. So, thanks for your time. I appreciate it. Are there any questions?

President Rouillard: Are there any questions?

Senator Herrera: Do you know what percentage of your presentation is from the Health Science Campus?

Senator Harmych: I do not know. We had some...classes here on this campus, but I don't know if they were nursing students or anything. We would have to kind of dig down and see, but I will try to find out.

Senator Herrera: Thank you.

President Rouillard: Could we have your permission to send this to faculty because this information would actually be very useful for recruitment activities in our departments---?

Senator Harmych: Yes.

President Rouillard: Knowing when to schedule things and what kinds of things to schedule.

Senator Harmych: Yes, definitely. The more people, the better, I think.

President Rouillard: All right, thank you very much. And thank you to your committee, you've done some wonderful work.

Okay, that brings us to one final piece of business before items from the floor, if they are any, and that is the department name change. Ben Meyers are you there?

Senator McBride: He actually wrote earlier---

Dr. Ben Meyers: I am [here].

President Rouillard: Would you like to present the name change and rationale?

Dr. Ben Myers: Sure. I'll keep this brief because I know you'll got to keep moving on here. So, if I skip past anything important, I'll just let you all ask me afterwards. So, some of you may know, our department have gone through a lot of curricular changes and all of that has come through Senate this year. We have been in the process of doing some pretty-significant curricular restructuring. And so, I know you all may not have been following quite as carefully as we all have. But as a quick recap, we currently have two majors, Communication Studies and Media Communication.0

Our Communication Studies major has three concentrations in it:

- strategic organizational communication,
- digital communication,
- and interpersonal communication.

As of next year, we are moving to one major called Communications. So we are dropping the studies element there with four concentrations. We are moving the media communication major under the banner

of communication, and it is going to become a concentration with the three previously listed concentrations. This makes a lot of sense. You know, as a department we decided that there were significant benefits for students. It provides a common core for our areas of study. It increases flexibility for students and offers some new capstone options as well.

So, the reason I'm discussing this here is that given these changes, we decided to change the name of our department from Communication to Communication and Media. Media is a big part of what we do. We have a TV studio, sports broadcasting with our ESPN partnership, podcasting, social media journalism. So, we want to make sure that that part of our identity is not lost in the shift. We have close to one-hundred students that specifically identify as media, and we want to ensure that they are represented and also receiving the benefits of the new curriculum structure. This is a pretty common name pairing in a lot of universities. So, we're not changing the name of our degree, just the name of our department. And there is not structural change that's represented here that hasn't been already gone through the appropriate curricular checks and balances. So, we've informed our dean and received support. We've looped in the Provost to this as well. We've voted as a department. The vote was 13 in favor, none opposed, and three folks didn't vote, but there is no opposition voice. This was discussed at CAL Council as well. The next step according to the policy on name changes for the University is to consult with Faculty Senate, so that is what I'm doing here, looping you all in. I'm opening it up to ask if anyone has any feedback, questions, suggestions, objections, any responses at all to the name change proposal that we are bringing forward. Just to clarify again, the name is moving from Communication to Communication and Media.

President Rouillard: Any comments? Objections?

Senator Wedding: I have a question.

President Rouillard: Okay.

Senator Wedding: Is it Communication or Communications? Is it plural or singular?

Dr. Myers: Singular, and it always has been. We get confused. A lot of people like to put a 's' on there. The 's' really makes it more technical, so it is singular.

President Rouillard: And in my recollection, when these issues have come to Senate before, I don't believe that we voted. I believe that this is done simply for input and information and also a way of verifying faculty, especially have been involved in the decision.

Dr. Myers: Yes, and that is what CAL Council did as well. CAL Council didn't vote; they were just looped in because that was their interpretation of the policy as well.

President Rouillard: And I want to remind you, we had this discussion earlier this year with Psychiatry Neuroscience regarding a merger. So, that is what we're doing here. So unless there are any objections, we have done what we need to do.

Senator O'Connell: This is Catherine O'Connell from the College of Law. I do not have an objection, so I might be out of order. But we did receive an update on the master plan last week, at which the Law Center was advised that, I think it was the Communication Department would be perhaps moving over to the Law Center. I wanted to know if you were aware of that or if there were even conversations? It was new to us, some of us, anyway.

Dr. Myers: Yes, we were looped in on this. It was new to us as well. We've had a couple conversations with some folks in Facilities, but nothing real formal. So, we've heard about it in the abstract. We really

don't know much in terms of detail. I assume when things become a little more concrete then maybe we would be looped in a little more formally into those conversations. But, yes, we've heard whispers.

Senator O'Connell: I guess we would like to be looped into the conversations also.

Dr. Myers: No side conversations are happening on our end without you all as well.

President Rouillard: Thank you for bringing that up. Any other comments? Hearing none. Thank you, Dr. Myers. That's our last item. We have time for items from the floor. Is there anything from the floor of the old Senate? Anything online?

Senator Benton: Hi. I have a question about the elections. I noticed when the new roster came up that there were three new senators for CAL Council, but on our ballot, we were permitted to vote for two names. And according to the Rules of Faculty Senate, Item II, number XI, there should be the number of votes for the number of openings. I'm not under any illusion that it will affect necessarily this election process, but like, future Elections Committee could review the election rules, either update them, or follow them.

President Rouillard: Well, here's the issue with elections. It is very difficult to get people to accept a nomination. We have to also consider those constraints as well. But I agree, we can certainly review the procedures, and maybe we need to change some of the procedures and that can be a task for the Constitution and Rules Committee when that is constituted. Anything else? <Chat box> 'Six names for three.' Well, if people refuse the nomination, I mean, there is a limited number of names we can put on the ballot. Is there someone else? Okay, all right. Is there a motion to adjourn?

President-Elect Van Hoy: So moved.

Senator Wedding: Second.

President Rouillard: Then all those in favor of adjourning please signify by saying, 'aye.' Any objections or extensions? Hearing none. Okay, then we have about four minutes before the new Senate can be seated, and so, that would give you time to get some air. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

IV. Meeting adjourned @ 4:56 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO
FACULTY SENATE ELECTION APRIL 23, 2024

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Summary of Discussion

Note: The taped recording of this meeting is available in the Faculty Senate office or in the University Archives.

President Van Hoy: Hi, everyone. It's Jerry Van Hoy. For some reason, I'm the President of Senate for the 2024-25 academic year. I'm going to call the meeting to order. Suzanne, can you call the roll?

Senator Smith: I will do that, thank you. Pardon me for mispronouncing some names, they are new to me so I'll do my best including the first one.

Roll call 2024-25: Ammon Allred, Tomer Avidor-Reiss, Sharon Barnes, John Bellizzi, Sheri Benton, Terry Bigioni, Timothy Brakel, Ritu Chakravarti, Liang Cheng, Carmen Cioc, Suzanne Smith (Proxy for D. Coulter-Harris), Vicki Dagostino-Kalniz, Maria Diakonova, Daryl Dwyer, Holly Eichner, Obi Ekwenna, Hossein Elgafy, Elyce Ervin, David Giovannucci, Sally Harmych, Renee Heberle, Cindy Herrera, Mitchell Howard, Andrea Kalinoski, Dinkar Kaw, Michael Kistner, Lauren Koch, David Krantz, Revathy Kumar, Yakov Lapitsky, Wade Lee-Smith, Linda Lewin, Daniel McInnis, Thomas McLoughlin, Barbara Minor, Kimberly Nigem, Katherine O'Connell, Mahasin Osman, David Black (Proxy for R. Padilla), Linda Rouillard, Eric Sahloff, Paul Schaefer, Barry Scheuermann, Gaby Semaan, Chunhua Sheng, Steven Suchek, Weiqing Sun, Jami Taylor, William Taylor, Kasey Tucker-Gail, James Van Hook, Jerry Van Hoy, James Willey, Robert Yonker

Excused Absences: Rhonda Aguiton, Wendy Cochrane, Deborah Coulter-Harris, Ally Day, Ahmad Javaid, Cathrine Johnson, Roberto Padilla, Justin Reinert

Unexcused Absences: Collin Gilstrap, Mohamad Moussa, Puneet Sindwahni, Aela Vely

Senator Smith cont'd: Thank you. President Van Hoy, we have a quorum.

President Van Hoy: Great. Thank you so much, Suzanne. Our first order of business is to adopt the agenda. The agenda that has nothing on it, except for the Executive Committee election. All those in favor of adopting the agenda, please put 'yes,' 'no,' or 'abstain' in the Chat. In the room, all those in favor say, 'aye.' If you oppose say, 'nay.' Any abstentions? Hearing none. **Agenda Passed.** We can move on.

The way elections will work is that when the floor is open for nominations, the nomination can of course come from here in the room and online. Once we have the nominations and the nominated person has accepted the nomination, then Dan Compore is going to set it up to the system where you can vote, and you will get a message to your UToledo email. Then you will click a link in that message and that is where you would vote.

Dr. Wedding: You can do hand votes in here and count the votes.

Past-President Rouillard: Dr. Wedding, can you get your email on your phone?

Dr. Wedding: No, I cannot.

Past-President Rouillard: Okay, we will capture your vote.

Dr. Wedding: There are some people who may need to vote by raising their hand if they are here.

Past-President Rouillard: Who here that do not have a device to vote on? Okay, so we will add your vote to the tally that Dan has.

President Van Hoy: We can also email Dan with Don's vote.

Past-President Rouillard: Oh.

President Van Hoy: We can also do that.

Past-President Rouillard: Okay, good. Thank you.

President Van Hoy: All right, the first position open is president-elect.

James Willey was nominated and accepted the nomination.

Tomer-Avidor Reiss was nominated and accepted the nomination.

President Van Hoy: Any other nominations? Hearing none. Is there a motion to close the nominations?

Past-President Rouillard: So moved.

President Van Hoy: Do we have to vote for closing?

Past-President Rouillard: Yes.

President Van Hoy: All right. All those in favor of closing the nominations, please put 'yes,' 'no,' or 'abstain' in the Chat. In the room, all in favor say, 'aye.' Any opposed say, 'nay.' Abstentions? It passed in the room. **Motion Passed.** Dan, how long do you need?

Dr. Dan Compura: It should've sent by now, but earlier today, it took a couple of minutes. Give me a second. Apparently, they have to call me.

Past-President Rouillard: Dan, they have to call you?

Dr. Compura: Apparently, yes. Apparently, they need to verify my phone. I did not know I had to do this because it didn't do this earlier today. Give me one second here.

President Van Hoy: This is where we're proving technology is more efficient <laughter>.

Dr. Compura: I'm going to switch gears here. Give me a couple of minutes to take care of this; it shouldn't take too long.

President Van Hoy: Is it appropriate to ask for nominations for the next position?

<Informal back-and-forth discussion occurred>

Dr. Compura: My apologies, I'm running into more problems that I did not foresee. It looks like the survey sent. I'll just give it a couple of minutes to make sure it comes through. I'm just hoping these come – it says it is currently processing. Since I'm not on Senate, I'm not getting an email. So, if someone gets it, if they could let me know when it comes through, I would appreciate it.

President Van Hoy: Has anyone in the room gotten it? None of us has it yet, Dan. What do you think about all the senators emailing you their vote?

Dr. Compura: I'm sorry, Jerry, I've been troubleshooting. What were you saying?

President Van Hoy: How do you feel about just having senators email their vote to you?

Dr. Compura: Oh, my god, that would make my life so much easier. Well, Kim Nigem said it has arrived.

President Van Hoy: Okay, so, some people received it.

Senator Benton: It is labeled external [just] for those who may have their inboxes labeled like I do.

Dr. Wedding: I have a question. Is Dr. Willey a first-year senator?

Senator Willey: I am, I'm up for three years.

Dr. Wedding: Then he is not eligible.

Senator Willey: But I have been a senator in the past. I've done years on Senate before.

Past-President Rouillard: Well, this is not like this is his very first time on Senate.

Senator Willey: I was the President of the College of Medicine Faculty Senate, and I think I've done two three-year rotations on Faculty Senate.

Unknown Senator: I know some are getting this and others are not, so we may need to subtract that from the vote.

President Van Hoy: All right, Dan, people are voting now.

Dr. Compura: Votes are coming in. I apologize. I had no idea; I ran through everything twice today, and apparently something came up that I was not expecting. We are up to 34 total votes. I don't know how many people are at the meeting at the moment; I know it's 62 in the Senate.

Senator Smith: I'll count the numbers for you.

Dr. Compura: Oh, thank you, Suzanne, I appreciate it. We're up to 37 votes, total.

Senator Smith: I count 51, Dan.

Dr. Compura: Okay. But not everyone is a senator, so not everyone is eligible. I'll give it a few more seconds here. Well, even if 51---

Senator Smith: Well, the 51 is senators. I went from my senator list.

Dr. Compura: Oh, I got you. So, 51 are present in this meeting?

Senator Smith: Yes, that is right, 51 senators.

Dr. Compura: Okay. I'm up to 39.

President Van Hoy: Keep voting everyone.

Past-President Rouillard: If you are the new senate.

Dr. Compura: Okay, I have 40 votes, which honestly, with that there would only be 11 outstanding votes if there are 51 present, and there's a bigger than 11 vote gap between the winner and the second place runner-up. So, I believe I can declare a winner. Did you want me to share the screen, Jerry or just reveal the totals? And I do have Don's vote which should remain confidential. Did you want to give vote totals or just announce the winner and second place?

President Van Hoy: You can announce the vote totals, but don't share the screen.

Dr. Compore: Okay, thank you. Tomer Avidor-Reiss received 29 votes and James Willey received 13.

President Van Hoy: Tomer Avidor-Reiss is our President-Elect. Congratulations, Tomer. Okay, next is Secretary. The election is open for the position of Secretary.

Past-President Rouillard: I would like to nominate Dr. Deborah Coulter-Harris.

President Van Hoy: Deborah, do you accept the nomination?

Dr. Deborah Coulter-Harris (on leave of absence): Oh, yes. Thank you.

President Van Hoy: Other nominations? Is there a motion to close the nominations?

Senator Heberle: So moved.

Dr. Wedding: Second.

President Van Hoy: All those in favor of closing the nominations, please put 'yes,' 'no,' or 'abstain' in the Chat. In the room, a voice vote. Say, 'aye.'

Group of Senators: Aye.

President Van Hoy: Any nays? Any abstentions? ***Motion Passed.*** Congratulations, Deborah, you are the Secretary for the 2024-25 Senate.

Dr. Coulter-Harris: Thank you, I'm honored.

President Van Hoy: The next position is the OFC, Ohio Faculty Council, representative. This one requires that you --- the meetings are still online or in-person?

Past-President Rouillard: Yes.

President Van Hoy: They are still online. So, this one allows you to log in once a month and then you report it to the Senate, and you also serve on the Executive Committee. Nominations are open.

Tim Brakel was nominated and accepted the nomination.

Renee Heberle was nominated and accepted the nomination.

President Van Hoy cont'd: Is there a motion to close?

Senator Bigioni: So moved.

Unknown Senator: Second.

President Van Hoy: All those in favor of closing the nominations, please put 'yes,' 'no,' or 'abstain' in the Chat. In the room, 'aye.' Any nays? Hearing none.

Dr. Compore: Apparently, this new system has a slower send-Error response. Have any received them yet, or not yet?

President Van Hoy: A few people have gotten it.

Senator Heberle: Did somebody say they have received it? I haven't received either.

President Van Hoy: Only a few people received it.

Dr. Compore: Votes are coming in. If anybody did not get it, feel free to email me. I'll put my email in the Chat here.

Senator Barnes: I got the last one.

Dr. Compore: Question Pro is already making me miss Qualtrics. Qualtrics is gone [apparently] June 30th.

President Van Hoy: Are votes coming in okay, Dan?

Dr. Compore: They are coming in, yes. Twenty-eight total votes left, I checked. Give me one second and I'll refresh again. I'm up to 35 total votes, now 36 with the email votes. I'm going to try one other thing here. It might be quicker. We are up to 43 votes. It looks like some people still have not received it. So, only 43 votes. This one is close. Now 44 votes. A couple of people still have not received. If they are comfortable emailing me the vote, I would appreciate it. I put my email in the Chat a few minutes ago. I have not received any email votes since requesting. I don't know if this is intentional.

President Van Hoy: Do we have a winner?

Dr. Compore: I would say with the votes that has come in at this point, Renee Heberle. Renee Heberle has received 23 votes and Tim Brakel has received 21.

President Van Hoy: Alright, we are going to declare Renee the winner.

Dr. Stepkowski: The name we are voting for should be on the screen. How should I vote if I have no idea of the names? It is very confusing. It should be very clear. It should be very clear. It should be on the screen so we can see the names and vote. Sorry, that is why I sent you 'vote, vote' because I don't know what I am voting for.

President Van Hoy: So, you are saying that you did not receive a link in your email to vote, and you didn't know who to vote for in the email, correct?

Dr. Hunter: I believe that Dr. Stepkowski rolled off.

Dr. Stepkowski: I didn't receive any information about voting. It is kind of very peculiar.

Past-President Rouillard: Yes, you are right, he has rolled off.

Senator Barnes: Please explain that.

Past-President Rouillard: Stan, you've rolled off Faculty Senate, so you are not in the new Senate.

President Van Hoy: Your term as a senator has ended, so that is why you're not getting the link to vote.

Dr. Stepkowski: Oh, that explains it. Thank you.

President Van Hoy: Congratulations, Renee.

Senator Heberle: Thank you very much.

Past-President Rouillard: Some are noting that they got the email in the ‘other’ folder and not in the ‘focus’ folder.

President Van Hoy: Check your Outlook very carefully. Okay, I think we are now up to at-large representatives for the Executive Committee. We need two from the Health Science Campus and two from the Bancroft Campus. As I recall, we have to do each of these four elections separately, right?

Past-President Rouillard: Right, and only the HSC people can nominate and vote for their reps and vice versa.

President Van Hoy: Generally, we do one HSC and one Bancroft, go back-and-forth?

Senator Lee-Smith: Just a point of clarification. Are the University Libraries considered Main Campus because we have faculty on both? I’m also clarifying Health and Human Services is a Main Campus college and not a Health Science Campus college at this point.

President Van Hoy: Yes, both are Main.

Senator Lee-Smith: Okay.

President Van Hoy: So, nominations are open for at-large Health Science Campus, a representative to the Executive Committee.

Dr. Wedding: Tim Brakel.

Past-President Rouillard: No, Don, we are doing Health Science first.

President Van Hoy: We are doing Health Science first. Only Health Science senators can nominate and vote.

James Willey was nominated and declined the nomination (failed response)

Past-President Rouillard: He is still on.

Senator Heberle: Are we still meeting? What is happening?

President Van Hoy: Nominations are open and---

Senator Heberle: Oh, I’m sorry, Dr. Willey has been nominated and we are waiting.

President Van Hoy: We are waiting for a confirmation.

Senator Heberle: Oh, that is what I was wondering is if Dr. Willey is online. He’s here, but not responding.

President Van Hoy: Correct.

Senator Heberle: Can we move on with the nominations and come back to him if we can encourage him to respond?

President Van Hoy: Yes. We are still open for nominations.

Dr. Wedding: Can you make it clear what colleges are being covered, Nursing -- is Pharmacy?

President Van Hoy: Pharmacy.

Dr. Wedding: Nursing and Medical.

President Van Hoy: Right.

Dr. Wedding: So, Nursing and Pharmacy can nominate?

President Van Hoy: Absolutely. Nursing, Pharmacy, and Medicine and Life Sciences can nominate.

Senator Koch: Are you accepting nominations then?

President Van Hoy: Yes.

Senator Koch: This is Lauren Koch and I would like to nominate---

David Giovannucci was nominated and accepted the nomination.

President Van Hoy: Are there other nominations? Is there a motion to close nominations?

Senator Kistner: So moved.

Senator Heberle: Second.

Dr. Wedding: Since Willey did accept the nomination earlier, he may have left this meeting. I think we should imply that---

Past-President Rouillard: He's here.

Dr. Wedding: Oh, well then, did he accept?

President Van Hoy: No.

Senator Heberle: We can't imply that he's accepting for the Executive Committee if he's not online.

President Van Hoy: Correct. At this point, we have one nomination and that is for David Giovannucci. We also have a motion to close nominations. So, please vote 'yes,' 'no,' or 'abstain' in the Chat box.

Unknown Senator: I nominate---

President Van Hoy: Oh, now?

Unknown Senator: It was a delay in acceptance.

Senator Kistner: Point of order. It should just be Health Science voting.

President Van Hoy: Yes, it should just be Health Science voting. Well, I'm going to guess that we've closed the nominations. How about Cindy for the second position?

Unknown Senator: Now there are two nominations.

Unknown Senator: Right.

President Van Hoy: All right, all in favor of closing the nominations in the room say, 'aye,' 'nay,' or 'abstain.' *Motion Passed.* Okay, the nominations are closed and David Giovannucci, you are on the Executive Committee. Congratulations.

Okay, since we are currently on a Health Science Campus roll, let's just keep going. Nominations are open for the second at-large position. Are there other nominations from the Health Science Campus senators? Any other nominations? Is there a motion to close nominations?

*Cindy Herrera was nominated and accepted the nomination.
Andrea Kalinoski was nominated and accepted the nomination.*

Senator Koch: I motion to close.

President Van Hoy: Is there a second? Somebody, please second it <laughter>.

Senator Kistner: I second it.

President Van Hoy: Thank you. Okay, all those in favor of closing the nominations, vote 'yes,' 'no,' or 'abstain' in the Chat. In the room, in favor of closing the nominations say, 'aye,' 'nay' or 'abstain.' It passed. **Motion Passed.** Dan, are you getting the vote ready?

Dr. Compura: I'm hoping that it sends. Just give me one second. This should go to 19 Health Science senators. I don't know how many Health Science [senators] are here today.

President Van Hoy: Suzanne, do you have that information?

Senator Smith: I'm sorry, do I have what information?

President Van Hoy: Do you know how many people from the Health Science Campus are here in the meeting?

Senator Smith: No, I don't have my roster marked that way unfortunately. I'm sorry.

President Van Hoy: Okay. Thank you, though.

Dr. Compura: Okay, it's sent. Barbara, only Health Science faculty can vote here. Andrea, I'm going to apologize upfront if I misspelled your name. Jami had asked if we can proceed with other nominations. I don't see why not since it would be a different campus.

President Van Hoy: Good idea. Okay, nominations are open.

*Timothy Brakel was nominated and accepted the nomination.
Sheri Benton was nominated and accepted the nomination.
Terry Bigioni was nominated and accepted the nomination.
Kasey Tucker-Gail was nominated and accepted the nomination.*

Senator Compura: I'm going to try something different here, but it probably wouldn't work for people in the room, though -- never mind. I'll just send it. And remember if you haven't received a link for the Health Science election, remember, you have to be a senator from the Health Science Campus to get it. If you haven't gotten it, email Dan Compura.

Dr. Compura: I'm going to send this one to just Main Campus.

President Van Hoy: A motion to close nominations?

Senator Heberle: So moved.

Senator Smith: Second.

President Van Hoy: All in favor of closing nominations, put 'yes,' 'no,' or 'abstain' in the Chat. All in favor in the room say, 'aye.'

Group of Senators: Aye.

Dr. Compura: Here we go. Please tell me no. As of right now for the Health Science representative, I have a tie.

President Van Hoy: If you have not voted in the Health Science elections, please do so to break our tie to keep us running another election.

Senator Herrera: Can I withdraw:

President Van Hoy: Only if the election is in a tie.

Senator Herrera: I thought it would help if I withdrew.

Dr. Compura: Is there anybody from Health Science Campus online right now that is eligible to vote who did not get a ballot? Oh, thank God, another vote came in. Are people voting because I did get another vote? Would it be fair to say that I can declare a Health Science representative winner?

President Van Hoy: Okay.

Dr. Compura: I got 11 responses. So, Andrea Kalinoski, I hope I spelled it correctly, received seven votes and Cindy Herrera received four. So, congratulations, Andrea. Okay, now let me go to the Main Campus rep. Did anybody get those ballots yet?

President Van Hoy: Yes, they did.

Senator Heberle: I got one.

Dr. Compura: Yes, and I have not sent the other at this point. We have to get -- oh, we go. It looks like 27 votes have come through. I believe there's over 40.

President Van Hoy: Yeah, based on the faces of the people in this room, they are withering fast.

Dr. Compura: I'm just going to refresh another time or two here to give it time. Don Wedding, you sent me a vote, right?

President Van Hoy: He said yes.

Dr. Compura: I think even with the outstanding votes -- I did a rough count. I don't think there's enough votes for the second-place finisher to catch the first anyway. Tim Brakel is the winner with 13 votes. Did you want me to read the other vote totals, or should I not reveal those in case they are nominated again?

President Van Hoy: No. Okay, welcome to the Executive Committee, Tim Brakel.

Senator Heberle: No, don't reveal those, Dan.

Dr. Compura: Yeah, that is what I thought. It just makes more sense not to influence---

Senator Heberle: Because I was confused about this whole process.

Unknown Senator: In the past we've never read the number of votes. It's always been just who won.

President Van Hoy: Nominations are open for the second at-large Bancroft Campus rep.

Kasey Tucker-Gail was nominated and accepted the nomination.

Sheri Benton was nominated and accepted the nomination.

Terry Bigioni was nominated and accepted the nomination.

Sharon Barnes was nominated and declined the nomination.

Bob Yonker was nominated and declined the nomination.

Yakov Lapitsky was nominated and accepted the nomination.

President Van Hoy: Motion to close nominations, vote 'yes,' 'no,' or 'abstain' in the Chat. In the room, all those in favor of closing nominations say, 'aye,'

Group of Senators: Aye.

President Van Hoy: Any nays? Abstentions? Hearing none. I believe this is the last election and we are 'free.'

Dr. Compura: It says it's on its way. If anybody does not get the link, I put the link to this particular survey here. The only problem with doing that is it does not prevent anybody from voting twice. So, I would say only use that in case you do not receive it in the next few minutes. Has anybody received it yet?

President Van Hoy: Not me. And I don't see anybody in the room that said they've received it.

Dr. Compura: Yeah, it is about a two-minute response. It feels longer when you are waiting.

President Van Hoy: A whole bunch of people in the room said they just got it. Hopefully you're seeing the vote totals go up.

Dr. Compura: Yes, they are going up. Let me take a look here. Yes, I think we are almost there. I'm monitoring the email. I'm going to do one more refresh here. I would ask everybody in the room and everybody online if they had a chance to vote. Steve, thank you for informing me; I'm glad to know that worked.

President Van Hoy: I think everybody in the room is nodding that they voted.

Dr. Compora: It is a close race, but Yakov Lapitsky is the winner.

President Van Hoy: Congratulations, Yakov.

Dr. Compora: I apologize for the technical glitches.

President Van Hoy: Thank you, Dan. I appreciate all your help with this. Okay. Are there any items from the floor? Is there a motion to adjourn?

Senator Kistner: So moved.

Senator Barnes: Second.

President Van Hoy: Thanks everyone. The Executive Committee, you will be hearing from me.

Senator Barnes: Thanks, Jerry. Thank you, Dan.

IV. Meeting adjourned @ 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Coulter-Harris
Faculty Senate Executive Secretary

Tape summary: Quinetta Hubbard
Faculty Senate Administrative Secretary

Faculty Senate Report to BOT, April 18, 2024.

Good afternoon, Chair Isaac and Committee Members. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

Our last faculty senate meeting of the 2024 academic year takes place April 23, immediately followed by the first meeting of the new academic year. At that time we will elect our new FSEC, including a new president, since President-Elect Kimberly McBride will leave for a new faculty position in Washington State. She has been a valued colleague in FS and in our academic programs. We all wish her the very best. She will be missed.

We have had an active year, especially in terms of curriculum and program review. Our RRC ad hoc committee has had fruitful meetings with administration regarding enrollment. Like you, we remain concerned that FAFSA complications will have serious consequences for our fall enrollment.

Discussion of college mergers has also been a frequent topic at FS and in meetings with administration. We appreciate the implementation timeline of fall 2025, that of JHCOE and CAL in particular. This is a significant departure from past college mergers which often took place without consideration of unintended consequences. We also see some positive potential with these mergers. For instance, there are numerous advantages for students to merging JHCOE with CAL. Previously, students training to teach in a particular area such as foreign languages, math, science, history, essentially completed double majors (though they were not labeled as such). They did the equivalent of the subject matter major in one college, and the teacher preparation program in another college. This merger will eventually make advising and course scheduling more efficient.

Program prioritization has obviously been an ongoing concern, particularly given the emphasis on cutting programs in the humanities and social sciences. In an April 12 list of 32 programs targeted for modification into one general major with concentrations, or exploration for elimination of the major or masters, I note that 16 are from the current CAL, 7 from the current JHCOE, 4 from COBI, 2 from HHS, 1 from CON, and 2 from NSM. Many faculty see this as a clear attack on the humanities and a devaluing of our disciplines as not worthy of a student's full attention. While we fully respect and appreciate the value of UT's professional programs, we remain concerned that students frequently choose to change majors from those professional programs and now will face limited options. Students who come to college not knowing what major to pursue may very well not choose UT because of limited opportunities to discover their true passion.

I clearly have a personal interest in the targets for prioritization. In a petition protesting the suspension of the French and German program, over 1100 individuals signed and commented on the importance of these languages. For example, one signer wrote: “Languages create opportunities, expand mindsets, cultivate intercultural communication, foster global citizenship, drive innovation and progress... It is very sad to see where UT administration is going - do not take away the opportunity to major in French and German from students!”

Another pointed out the limitations of AI with regard to languages: “I am a research mathematician and I need often to be able to read and understand papers in French. And no, google translate won’t cut it, because it’s not well equipped to translate a very specific genre on French with formulas interspersed. I think it is a great disservice to the students and to our community to cut foreign languages!”

One signer highlighted the current shortage of teachers in general and language teachers in particular: “I am a UT grad with a BA in Spanish. I am a high school and college teacher in Ohio. My German colleague is retiring. Where will I find a replacement?”

That French and German graduates are gainfully employed bears repetition: “I am a graduate of the University of Toledo’s French MA program and I am stunned that the university would want to do away with any foreign language program that is already established. I owe my career to my Master of Arts in French, and I think it’s a tragic choice to eliminate this opportunity for current students.”

“If the academia strip any more vital humanities, such as French and German languages, the University may have to rename the college to The College of Art and Letter; a lack of quality programs will not be enough to force plurality in the name. As a University of Toledo alumnus in French, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, every few years I am compelled to support and defend language programs from obsolescence — programs which have taken me far and wide. I have made an excellent living with two language degrees: I have worked in international pharmaceuticals, the chemistry industry, distribution, marketing and translation. Perhaps the University of Toledo should take a hard look at its internal business structure and change course from “this is academia and we’ve always done it this way,” to a real world business model where you have to actively market and sell your majors as products and services. “If you build it they will come,” is no longer a sustainable model in our global economy. You need active campaigns to market important languages like French and German with focus: learning languages is not for the sole goal to teach languages upon graduation, it’s about developing a skill set for future alumni to be welcomed into the international business community, contribute to the world marketplace, and communicate knowledgeably with colleagues across continents. It’s unrealistic to assume global citizens will speak English. French and German language programs cannot support themselves solely by existing. **AI and google translate will never be enough to replace real human interaction. It’s the University’s responsibility to engage potential students and commit them to language programs. The University’s failure to market the importance of language instruction in French and German rests squarely on its own shoulders as a business failure.** We are in an era where knowledge of world languages is necessary and indispensable. Please reinstate French and German and consider advancement. You must market, engage, and promote these programs via social media and email to engage with future students. The only reason the University of Toledo’s Department of World Languages is not a top ten

national program is simply because the **University has failed at every level to invest in and promote these programs.”**

If I am often highly critical of UT initiatives, it is because I have such faith in the potential of this institution to change lives and am deeply saddened when UT does not realize the value of its faculty and its disciplines. I am saddened when our students lose academic options to discover their aptitudes or develop new talents while we chase the latest trend or jobs predictions. Yes, higher education is at a crossroads, but I fear we are on the path to lower education if all we do is reduce a diploma to job training for jobs that may not even exist in the near future. As W.E.B. DuBois said: ““Education must not simply teach work, it must teach Life.”

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