

In Case You Missed It: Unofficial Recap of the Faculty Senate Meeting

These “ICYMI - meeting update” notes do not replace the formal Journal of the Faculty Senate that will be distributed later, and that will be approved at the next monthly meeting. Rather, these are notes and highlights from the perspective of FS Secretary Dave Hambright, with input from Chair-Elect Keri Kornelson and Chair Amy Bradshaw.

December 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Bradshaw. The Faculty Senate Journal for the regular meeting of 9 November 2020 was approved without revisions.

Announcements:

Chair Bradshaw:

- Announced the faculty who will serve on the 2020-21 Academic Program Review Committee: Karlos Hill (African & African American Studies), Somik Ghosh (Construction Science), Mike Bemben (Health & Exercise Science), Marilyn Byrd (Human Relations), Elizabeth Pober (Interior Design), Leehu Loon (Landscape Architecture), Charles Warnken (Regional & City Planning), and Julie Miller-Cribbs (Social Work). The units to be reviewed are Political Science, Religious Studies, Sociology, and the Honors College.
- Asked if there were any other announcements. There were none.

Chair Bradshaw turned to the monthly Chair’s Report and asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

Chair Bradshaw then introduced Megan Elwood Madden, Director, Center for Faculty Excellence. Prof. Elwood Madden provided the Senate with a brief overview of the Center for Faculty Excellence, including the Center’s mission, and various offices and staff. Following her presentation, Prof. Elwood Madden fielded numerous questions, suggestions, and comments from Senators. Chair Bradshaw thanked Prof. Elwood Madden for speaking with the Senate.

Chair Bradshaw then introduced Stewart Berkinshaw, Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance, who provided an overview of his office and responsibilities, including Financial Services, the Bursar, Payroll, Risk Management, Research Financial Services (Post Awards), Budget Office, and Shared Business Services. Associate VP Berkinshaw shared his vision for his role, particularly as it relates to effective support of faculty and staff on campus. Following his presentation, Associate VP Berkinshaw requested feedback and questions from the Senators, including via email or phone at a later date. After addressing several questions and comments from Senators, Chair Bradshaw thanked Associate VP Berkinshaw for speaking with the Faculty Senate.

Chair Bradshaw then turned to items on the agenda listed for action, three proposals from the Faculty Compensation Committee:

- COVID-19 Disrupted Sabbaticals
- Faculty Remuneration Policy
- Additional Protections for Faculty from COVID-19

Chair of the Faculty Compensation Committee, Senator Anthony Natale, provided a few comments, explaining that the proposal on Faculty Remuneration Policy was based on a misunderstanding and thus is moot and withdrawn from consideration. Chair Bradshaw explained that the proposals were formal motions from committee, and requested a second to the motion, which was received. After discussion and a friendly amendment to increase flexibility, the proposal on COVID-19 Disrupted Sabbaticals was approved.

Chair Bradshaw then requested a second on the third proposal, Additional Protections for Faculty from COVID-19, which was received. Chair Bradshaw then invited discussion or questions. Following brief discussion and a couple of friendly amendments, the proposal was approved.

Chair Bradshaw then moved to New Business, for which there was none.

A motion was made, and seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

The official Faculty Senate Journal will be made available in draft form prior to the next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting (8 February 2021), for approval during that meeting.



Dave Hambright
Faculty Senate Secretary