

Faculty Senate Minutes

September 13, 2022

The regular business meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 3:30 p.m., via Zoom. The Senate President was in the chair and the Secretary was present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

SU President Lyn Lepre made announcements and introduced herself.

Provost Karen Olmstead made announcements.

The Senate President made announcements.

After debate and amendment, the motion passed for revising the “Technology Fluency”, “Technology-Mediated Instructional Material”, and “Faculty Workload and Responsibilities” sections of the Faculty Handbook

Background -On May 10, 2022, the Faculty Senate passed a motion approving the revised Faculty Handbook with directions that three sections be revised “via a method to be determined by the Faculty Senate Officers and approved by the Faculty Senate.” Two sections, “Technology Fluency” and “Technology-Mediated Instructional Material”, were to be revised within a year. The third section, “Faculty Workload and Responsibilities”, was to be revised within two years.

Plan - “Technology Fluency”: The Library and Learning Resources Committee (LLRC) shall be charged to review and revise this section, with proposed revisions to be brought to the Faculty Senate no later than the March 28, 2023 meeting.

“Technology-Mediated Instructional Material”: The Library and Learning Resources Committee (LLRC) shall be charged to review and revise this section, with proposed revisions to be brought to the Faculty Senate no later than the March 28, 2023 meeting.

“Faculty Workload and Responsibilities”: The Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC) shall be charged to review and revise this section, with proposed revisions to be brought to the Faculty Senate no later than the final meeting in Fall 2023.

After debate, the motion Passed to revise Appendices to the GEOC Standing Rules

That the Faculty Senate approve the updated appendices to the GEOC Standing Rules as submitted to the Senate accompanying this motion.

After debate, the motion passed to set the date and time for the All Faculty Meeting addressing DEI in Tenure and Promotion.

That we have the all-Faculty meeting on Friday, October 7 at 3-4:30 on Zoom.

After debate, the motion Passed to hold an all-Faculty vote to amend the Faculty Senate By-laws to include representation of part-time tenured/tenure-track faculty.

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate hold an all-faculty vote on a proposed amendment to Article I, Section 3 of the Faculty Senate by-laws. The proposed amendment is highlighted in yellow below.

“Article I, Section 3.

Faculty: University Faculty, hereinafter referred to as Faculty, includes all full-time (including contractual) **employees of the University and all part-time tenured or tenure-track** employees of the University, at least half of whose cumulative duties each academic year include:

- a. Teaching credit-bearing courses;
- b. Serving as a Librarian;
- c. Conducting research and/or similar professional activities;
- d. Serving as an immediate supervisor, who does not report directly to the Provost, of several members of the Faculty;
- e. Serving as an officer of the Council of University System Faculty;
- f. Performing other duties not enumerated above, recommended by the Membership and Elections Committee, and approved by the Faculty Senate to be counted as Faculty duties.

Release time for duties other than those above may not be counted toward qualifying an individual as a member of the Faculty. References to “tenure” shall include “tenure or permanent status” throughout this document. Individuals who otherwise qualify as Faculty but who are on Faculty sabbatical leave or professional research leave continue to qualify as Faculty.”

After debate, the motion Passed to hold an all-Faculty vote to amend the Faculty Senate Bylaws to dissolve the Honors College Committee.

That the Senate Bylaws be changed to strike Article VII, Section 4 (Honors College Committee) and that the following sections of the article be renumbered appropriately.

If this bylaws change is approved by the Faculty, the Faculty Senate will recommend to the Dean of the Clarke Honors College that they create their own Curriculum Committee, in line with most other Units at our institution.

The meeting was Adjourned at 4:55pm

Ellen Schaefer-Salins, Secretary
Approved 9/27/22