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General Faculty Senate Meeting

Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Minutes

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In attendance:

Chair Elizabeth McNie, Secretary Ariel Setniker, Amy Skoll, Christine Isakson, Cynthia Trevisan, David Satterwhite, Julie Simons, Kitty Luce, Margaret Ward, Mike Holden, Mike Strange, Nick Lewis, Taiyo Inoue, Tamara Burbach, Tom Nordenholz, Val Holl-McGowan, and guests.

Absent: Vice Chair Sarah Senk, Aparna Sinha, Nipoli Kamdar.

Call to Order

- *Chair McNie called the meeting to order at 11:03am after quorum was achieved.*
- *Agenda amended to include EO 1110 Resolution in New Business, approved by unanimous consent.*
- *Minutes from 02/15 and 03/28 were reviewed. Approved by unanimous consent.*

Chair's Report

- Next AY Senate Exec: Chair Sarah Senk, Vice Chair Taiyo Inoue, Secretary Ariel Setniker, ASCSU Senators Christine Isakson & Julie Simons
- Introduce Mitch Mathai – new Corps Commander for next year
 - o Spent last year in the Corps as an Executive Officer
 - o Felt last year that not everyone was on the same page, and would like to change that
 - o Going to need your (faculty) help to make changes
 - o Mental health thing is huge
 - o Going to be asking for recommendations from faculty
 - o “I want to move away from the idea that the Commander is a mouthpiece for administration, commandants, etc. I am here for students.”

Provost's Report

- As I approach final time in Provost role, want to say thank you for the opportunity
- Endeavored to make many improvements, particularly for faculty, in the four years here towards shared governance
- Special thanks to Senate Exec
- Look forward to joining the faculty

Department Report-Outs

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C&C

- *Chair Amy Parsons presenting*
- Sarah Senk's new vision for GE
- Aparna Sinha provided leadership during CFA and continues to support efforts for cruise faculty
- Julie Chisholm big efforts in IE
- Lauren Hartman had a piece in the de Young museum
- Colin Dewey returns from sabbatical in Fall
- In progress:
 - o Setting up GVAR placement exam structure/support for in-major writing class
 - o Teagle grant planning phase is wrapping up, application in for implementation grant
 - o Foreign language classes will not be scheduled for next AY
 - o Ensuring there are enough lower division C2 classes

S&M

- *Senator Trevisan presenting*
- Successful Physical Oceanography tenure-track search (Maryam Mohammadpour)
- Matt Fairbanks and Kevin Mandernack will be back teaching in the fall
- Steve Kielar and Ariel Setniker will be leading IE trip to Honduras in May
- Approval of DAT 108 and DAT 108L by the Curriculum Committee
- New Data Science major
 - o Approved by Board of Trustees
 - o planned to launch in 2026: a large interdisciplinary and institutionally sustainable component
- This year, Oceanography will see its first cohort of students who started as first-time freshmen graduate

ME

- *Senator Nordenholz presenting*
- Project fair next Thursday morning
- New curriculum work
- Automation major has been approved by Board of Trustees
- Department supports President's recent decision concerning opt-in corps, still working on what this will look like for our program
 - o All students **will** be in corps for their first year as they go on cruise, but after that is up in the air
- Department supports new GE proposal
- Staffing is manageable, though we are concerned for our colleagues in the ET department particularly in the license side

ISS

- *Senator Skoll presenting*
- Starting in Fall, we are not only ISS department, but incoming students will be enrolling in ISS major
- Existing students will have the option to opt-in to the ISS major
- ISS minor has been approved
- Ryan Wade has been focusing a lot of efforts on recruitment, getting new 'face' out there

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- Dianne Meredith is retiring at the end of this year
- Alt-watch has been developed for ISS – though unclear how opt-in corps will affect this
- Department supports opt-in corps, though we expect many students will opt-in
- Department has co-authored a chapter on maritime security

Second Reading Faculty Development Committee Bylaws

- *Senator Setniker presenting*
- Due to election process questions raised, small amendments have been made to run anonymous nomination and election process faculty-wide (responsibility of Senate Chair)
- *Senator Simons motions to approve bylaws, Senator Setniker seconds. 16 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carries.*

Second Reading - Policy 528 Changes

- *Senator Simons presenting*
- Some minor edits to updated policies, appendices, no feedback
- Nordenholz: who decides whether a committee is formed? Department votes.
- *Senator Burback motions to approve changes, Senator Setniker seconds. 16 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carries.*

Second Reading – Resolution on MT Faculty Salary

- *Senator Burback presenting*
- Did not receive much feedback
- Senator Nordenholz: appreciate and support MT faculty, appreciate our combination of licenses and academic degrees, but do not support this resolution as I feel it's not our purview as a Senate, rather the union
 - o Many faculty on campus are underpaid, and singling out one department is not equitable
- Senator Burback: argument that all faculty need this compensation – I believe that is where we are all coming from, and we are singling out MT because we are at a deficit as a whole, and need advocacy specifically
 - o I do believe this is the purview of the senate, the union has tried, and it's up to us to support each other
- Senator Lewis: this *does* affect the quality of our academic programs, faculty cannot go on cruise while at the same time doing research over the summer
- Senator Skoll: when we vote on this, is it just saying we agree with this resolution? Chair McNie: Yes, it's a non-binding resolution
- Keir Moorhead (non-senator) shares data that ET chair, MVI faculty are actually the lowest
- Senator Simons responds: this data was provided from HR, and that data has been hard to parse...ET deserves attention *as well as* MT
- Senator Satterwhite mentions that ET suffers from lack of applicants, but does support MT for solidarity
- *Senator Simons motions to approve the resolution, Senator Ward seconds. 13 for, 2 against, 1 abstention. Motion carries.*

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New Business

Resolution on EO 1110 in the COVID era – First Reading Waived & Second Reading

- *Senator Inoue presenting*
- Math faculty deeply concerned with two recent phenomena: EO 1110 and COVID
- Asking CO (through ASCSU and Math Council) to conduct an in-depth study of effects of these phenomena
- Timely manner – trying to get to math council next week
- *Senator Inoue motions to waive first reading, Senator Setniker seconds. 15 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carries.*
- Senator Luce speaks in support, has heard many discussions of remedial classes being removed and “turning backs on students” - need study to move forward
- Senator Inoue: effects of learning loss are not equally distributed – students who came from lower socioeconomic backgrounds were hurt even more by these phenomena
- *Senator Simons motions to approve the resolution, Senator Setniker seconds. 16 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carries.*

Open Floor

- Senator Burback: a huge thank you to Chair McNie – how inspired to watch you lead us with grace, humility through a lot of conflict – honored to call you colleague and friend
- Senator Simons thanks all – it has been a challenging year, proud to work with you all

Meeting Adjourned [~12:11 pm] (unanimous)