Meeting Minutes, Faculty Senate, full meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 2022

These minutes were reviewed and approved during the Faculty Senate meeting on October 25, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by the Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Galen Foresman.

Persons in attendance were as follows (“(S)” is Senator, “(A)” is Alternate, “(M)” is member of university community): Abebe Kebede (S), Ahmed Megri (S), Aixi Zhou (M), Ashot Gasparian (M), Audrey Dentith (M), Bishnu Bastakoti (S), Carmen Monico (S), Chantel Simpson (S), Danielle Winchester (M), Dave Schall (S), David Rachlin (A), Dongyang Deng (S), Maylee Vazquez (M), E. Francene Moore (S), Evelyn Hoover (S), Evelyn Sowells-Boone (S), Floyd James (M), Galen Foresman (S), Geetika Jaiswal (S), Geleana Alston (A), George S. Robinson (M), J. R. Alston (S), James Kribs (S), Joseph Stephens (M), Kalynda Smith (S), Karen Jackson (S), Kelvin Bryant (A), Kimberly McNeil (S), Kristen Rhinehardt (A), Luba Kurkalova (M), Marka Fleming (A), Narayan Bhattarai (S), Nicole Dobbins (S), Nicole McCoy (S), Nina Ingram (M), Niroj Aryal (S), Paula Faulkner (M), Ron Pedroni (A), Scott Harrison (S), Sharon Parker (M), Sherrie Drye (M), Shon Smith (S), Stephanie Kelly (A), Stephen Bollinger (S), T. Amankwatia (M), Thomas Warner (A), Tiffany Fuller (S), Uchenna Anele (A), Yahya Kamalipour (S), Yvonne Ford (A), and Zachary Denton (S).

The March 22, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Committee reports then occurred. The New Programs and Curricula committee report was led by Dr. Shon Smith who presented a set of curriculum packets for review by vote of the full Faculty Senate. All were approved with the exception of a proposal for PHYS 115 from the Department of Physics. Discussion surrounding PHYS 115 included Dr. Floyd James mentioning concern as regarded rigor and needed prerequisites with respect to this course. The Educational Policy committee report was led by Dr. Zach Denton. Drafts on academic dishonesty and medical documentation policies were approved unanimously for being sent along further to the administration.

For nomination and election of the Faculty Senate Chair, the floor was opened for nomination. Dr. Nicole Dobbins nominated Dr. Harrison. Dr. Kristen Rhinehardt seconded the nomination. Following this period of nomination, a motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Harrison as Faculty Senate Chair by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned at 4:55 PM.