

Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM with reading of the Land Acknowledgement Statement

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

II. Approval of October 26, 2020 Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. FA Chair's Report – Liz Schmitt

- The SUNY Chancellor released a Spring 2021 Reopening Plan on Friday, 11/6/2020. I have linked to this plan under the meeting items. Among the elements of the plan include an in-person start no earlier than 2/1 and guidance about remote instruction. I have asked the Provost to speak to this briefly [Ask Scott to comment]
- The General Education motion and FAQs are posted and updated. We will debate and vote on this 11/23/2020. I would encourage faculty, within their departments, to discuss and bring any amendments to me ahead of time to enable screen sharing and discussion.
- Winter breakout professional development workshops will take place between January 11-15 and 19-22. You received an email on 11/6 from CELT and John Kane. I encourage you to submit ideas of what you would like to see, or to volunteer to share something that worked.
- I would encourage faculty, in conjunction with their departments, to reflect on how things have gone this semester and come up with “Dos and don’ts” for Spring 2021. Students are reporting struggles with communication (one week to return email? NO.), changes in modality, shifting due dates, increased difficulty in coordinating group work, research suggesting slower reading comprehension online (exam timing)..... CELT may offer guidance as well. This is not an edict or attempt to micro-manage, it is a suggestion that academic units have conversations about this to improve the Spring experience.
- Procedure and voting: After council reports and elections, a representative of FA/SA will request a waiver of the two-week rule to discuss and potentially vote on a motion for P/F expansion. VOTING members of FA may choose to approve or reject this waiver. If the waiver is approved we move to discussion and debate. At any time during the debate, a member of the assembly may motion to postpone. If successful, no vote will occur and the motion will be taken up again on 11/23.
- FA membership received a link to a Google form for voting in anticipation of votes today and 1/23. Are regular agenda, minutes and elections voting will use Zoom, but if the body deems it necessary we will shift to the Google form.

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

- **Undergraduate Curriculum Council – Minjung Seo**
Update

ART 353: Twentieth Century Modern Art
ART 341: Photography Projects
HIS 496: Peer Educator College History
GST 104: Experiential Learning in College

New course
CSC 474: Image Processing

Prerequisite change
ECE375: Microprocessor Systems

- **Graduate Council – Isabelle Bichindaritz**
Graduate Council met on Thursday 11/5/20.
We are discussing an improved course proposal template.
Please help advertise Graduate Studies Week this week and encourage students to attend (see <https://ww1.oswego.edu/graduate/>).
Our next meeting is Thursday 11/19/20, please submit courses and programs by Monday 11/16/20

- **Priorities and Planning – Linda Rae Markert**

Council members unanimously approved the changes to the Theater BA program.

We discussed the General Education Council’s proposed addition of a new General Education category to be titled Diversity, Identity and Social Justice in the United States. Council members expressed widespread support for this change, which was deemed long overdue; we also acknowledged this modification to our General Education program will most likely require some reallocation of resources.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday 11/20 at 3:30 – 5:30 PM.

- **General Education Council – Christopher LaLonde**
The Council thanked FA, departments, and programs for taking seriously the proposed addition of a new category in General Education, titled Diversity, Identity, and Social Justice in the United States, that would be required and to FA Chair Schmitt for bearing with the Council as it continued its work on the attending document to the Resolution.
The Council also met with the Assessment Advisory Committee on 9 November as part of the review of the CY 2021 assessment plan updates submitted by departments and programs. That work continues, of course.

- **Academic Policies Council – Eve Clark**
APC met on Friday, October 30, by Zoom. APC discussed the new Gen Ed category proposal and the SA resolution to expand Pass/Fail. We will meet again this Friday, November 13 at 3:30pm by Zoom
- **Information Technology Council – Theresa Gillard-Cook**
ITC met on Oct 19, 2020. We chose reps for TIP grants and discussed High Flex Policy development, a pilot for remote proctoring and potential technology challenges for faculty, staff and students.

V. Elections

Research Council – Humanities Seat – Courtney Doucette (HIS)

ITC FA seat – No nominations this meeting

VI. Action: HCI Online Program

Approved: For: 90% Against: Abstain: 10%

VII. Pass/Fail Expansion Resolution

Frank Byrne moved to call the question, it was accepted: For: 34 Against: 3. Abstain 6

Vote to waive the 2 week rule: For: 72% Against: 20% Abstain: 7%

Vote to postpone the resolution: For: 83% Against: 9% Abstain: 3%

This issue will be continued at the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

No new business this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM.