

Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM with a reading of the Land Acknowledgement Statement

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

II. Approval of Sept 27, 2021 Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. FA Chair's Report – Liz Schmitt

Remembering colleagues who passed in September:

Thomas Bertonneau, Instructor and VAP in English and Creative Writing

Joined the English Department in 2011 and retired in 2020

I am grateful for these words about Thomas from Leigh Wilson, Distinguished Service Professor of English:

Thomas Bertonneau possessed all the qualities of a Medieval scholar: he was as interested in the elements of Grammar, Rhetoric and Logic as he was in the play of Arithmetic, Astronomy, Geometry and Music in our contemporary world. He was a philosopher and a theologian. He liked Classics comic books and science fiction and really good sushi. He sometimes dressed, to the delight of our students, as a court jester, as a Star Trek character, and once as Franciscan monk. Throughout his career he wrote seriously every day, maintained profuse correspondences with thinkers and writers across the globe, published widely and voluminously. He was a man of great civility and expansive generosity. He was kind. And always, always, he had a sense of humor. All the way to the end he was working on an essay--and laughing.

Charles Echelbarger, Professor Emeritus in Philosophy

Chuck joined the Oswego faculty in 1971, retiring in 2013

I am grateful for these words about Chuck from Jean Chambers, Professor Emeritus in Philosophy:

My own memories of Chuck are numerous, as we worked together for over twenty years. He was always nurturing to students and faculty, and he was deeply committed to our department's survival and excellence as well as to the standards of the discipline. One of my memories includes Chuck leaving for the day with a giant shopping bag of papers, insisting that even in a class of 90 students, essays were a must for learning. This memory embodied Chuck's core commitment to excellence and duty.

Edward Thibault, Professor Emeritus in Sociology

Joined the faculty in 1971

I am grateful for these words about Ed from Norm Weiner, Professor Emeritus in Sociology

Ed was the driving force in establishing the public justice program as this interdisciplinary program drawing from so many other programs. He was passionate about public justice and the importance of educating beyond police officers, but those considering law, social services, counseling, etc.

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

● **Graduate Council Report – Isabelle Bichindaritz**

Graduate Council met on October 7.

We did not approve any new or updated curriculum.

We will meet again on 10/21/21. Please submit any new or revised course or program to the Council Chair by the Monday of that week

● **Academic Policies Council – Eve Clark**

APC met on Friday, October 1st. APC reviewed and approved changes to TEOSOL Program which is on the floor for review. We will be meeting this Friday, October 15th at 3:00pm if we have any new business which we do not at this time, please get any issues into me by Wednesday

● **General Education Council – Rameen Mohammadi**

Council met on September 29.

Considered a Proposal from the PHL Dept for PHL 225 proposed for both Humanities and the DEI categories. Council approved the course for Humanities and sent the proposal back for revisions for DEI.

Council also discussed the proposed changes to SUNY Gened. For the most part the council supports the proposed updates by SUNY; this will cause some modification in our existing categories and their outcomes. The only items that we believe could be emphasized more/better are around issues of environmental sustainability. Council will be discussing these on Wednesday, October 13.

We also have a proposal from MML on our agenda for Wednesday.

● **Undergraduate Curriculum Council- Jeremy Shifton**

Approved course updates

CRJ 413

CSC 326

PPE 250

PPE 450

● **Priorities and Planning Committee – Rick Back**

The Priorities & Planning Council met virtually on Friday, October 8th:

We selected four delegates plus an alternate to the Budget Advisory Group:

- Rick Back
- Dean Crawford
- Emily Estrada
- Bonita Hampton

- Judith Wyman Collette (alternate)

The Council's reporter to Faculty Assembly is Rick Back.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 22nd at 3:00 PM on Zoom

- **Personnel Policies Council – Jeff Schneider**

PPC met October 4, 2021 and began discussion regarding modification of Appendices D & E to include language specific to the library.

- **Research Council – Dave Sargent**

We met on 10/6

Currently under discussion is faculty load and expectations regarding research mentoring of independent research (“off load” research not part of catalog/degree progress - independent studies supervised by faculty mentors). Working with various campus partners to triangulate data sources and policies regarding expectations and compensation (if any) for this research-related work

We may be sending out surveys in the future to faculty and/or department chairs, so heads up there.

If you/your department has anything you want to share in the meantime, feel free to reach out to the committee

- **Information Technology Council – Dave Sargent**

Met 10/7/2021

Changes in On-Line Course Development Approach (memo from Scott Furlong) resulting in a whole-process change, sunseting current course design approach. New focus will be on innovative design.

The new Federal Regulation – Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI) was discussed. Council charged with creating policy, Implementation and Compliance measure. Resource materials were made available .

Short update on the Digital Learning Environment, D2L Brightspace. Cohort 1 will pilot in Summer of 2022. Full rollout in the Fall semester 2022. For a sandbox account contact

Katherine Dutton katharinedutton@oswego.edu or Theresa Gilliard-Cook theresa.gilliardcook@oswego.edu

V. Elections

Personnel Policies Council

At large Seat: No nominations this meeting

Information Technology Council

2 FA seats (21-23): No nominations this meeting

VI. Action: Changes to Bylaws: Article XXI Research Council
For: 98% Against: 0% Abstain: 2% Changes passed

VII. Title IX Presentation – Lisa Evaneski

Lisa presented updates to Title IX. She briefly discussed, new training for employees “RAPID”, collaborations with residence halls and student organizations and internships. She gave an overview of reporting responsibilities. Clery statistics were presented. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and follow “It’s On Oz” on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for current news and activities. See the website “[Title IX Definitions](#)” for detailed information.

VIII. Action: Task Force on Assessment Practices – Pretty Tripathi

Pretty presented details of the task force responsibilities and introduced the task force members. She discussed the benefits and burdens of assessments. Finally, task force recommendations were discussed. [Pretty’s complete presentation is available on the FA website](#). After a motion to accept, the Assembly approved the motion as follows: For: 80% Against: 3% Abstain: 18%

IX. New Business

The Provost thanked the Assessment Task Force for all their work. Scott clarified the on-line course guidelines and their purpose.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM

The next meeting will be 10/25/21 at 3:00 pm via Zoom