

Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 PM with a reading of the Land Acknowledgement Statement

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

II. Approval of February 1, 2021 Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. FA Chair's Report – Liz Schmitt

Small note on operations: If faculty are having difficulty with the choices of testing slots on campus, please reach out to covidtesting@oswego.edu to ask about getting into student testing slots.

I wish to speak to my role and decisions for the discussion of our meeting on February 1. In the week that followed, I received several communications about the meeting and the issues leading up to it. They brought up several points and suggestions that I want to bring together and have as a matter of record. Here are a few of my observations:

- There is a lot of confusion, particularly with newer members about membership to FA, processes and policies, and council duties. I received suggestions about clarifying documents for the FA page so we do not rely too much on the institutional memories of a few
- This first point is important because this confusion is effectively marginalizing the voices of some, while also conflating process with motives.
- The signatories of the 12/8 memo originally requested that it be posted to the assembly-list. I asked if they would be willing to speak to this at FA, as these experiences with the operations of our shared governance were important for all to hear. This was my request, and that this request, once again, put the emotional labor on BIPOC faculty.
- One of the more frustrating parts of my position is the private communications that really belong on the floor for debate. Let me be clear as someone receiving those conversations, there were multiple departments concerned about the learning outcomes, one representative objected as a matter of record. It bothers me that the one person really willing to speak to something was effectively punished for it. I worry about this going forward.
- In the course of this discussion, I made a decision to not interrupt, call out, and curtail discussions that were out of order. Under Robert's Rules we do not call out members by name in debates, we do not criticize or impute motives to members. When that happened, I had a choice, and I chose to not interrupt and stop a discussion originating from a group that has all too often not been heard. I was flippant about it, but some of this membership were rightly troubled about precedent in how debate might happen in the future. So let me re-commit: Debates, discussions

will not call out people by name. Issues or motions are the subject of debate, not individuals or their imputed motives.

- We need to think about how the structure and operations of governance privilege some voices over others. I would welcome suggestions about the best ways to move forward with this conversation.

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

- **General Education Council – Christopher LaLonde**

The General Education Council accepted and acknowledged the request from the Department of Criminal Justice to de-list CRJ 101 from the Social and Behavioral Sciences category, effective fall 21, until such time as staffing resources enable them to return the course to the social and behavioral sciences fold.

Professor Frank Byrne joined the 9 February meeting as an invited guest to discuss a revision of the HIS 202 Course Outline highlighting how the course speaks to the learning outcomes in the new Diversity, Identity, and Social Justice category. The Council hopes to be able to share model Course Outlines with interested departments, programs, and faculty. Meanwhile, in the near term it encourages folks to be sure to look to the Course Submissions Guidelines document, available on the Gen Ed web page, for guidance and to reach out to the Director with any and all questions. The line to the aforementioned document is

https://www.oswego.edu/general-education/sites/www.oswego.edu.general-education/files/course_submission_guidelines-rev_2021_0.pdf

--The Council next meets on 16 February 2021

- **Graduate Council – Isabelle Bichindaritz**

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, February 11, 2021. We are preparing new guidelines for submitting new or revised graduate courses. We will meet again on the 25th of February.

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

The **Priorities & Planning Council** met virtually on Friday, February 12th:

1. We unanimously approved the Counseling & Psychological Services Department's proposed changes to its MS/CAS programs in School Counseling. These revisions included a change in the title of the program (formerly Counseling Services), and an increase in the number of credits per NYSED regulations.
2. We reviewed and unanimously endorsed SUNY Oswego's Letter of Intent to create a new BA & BS program in Integrative Professional Studies, which if approved will be housed in the Interdisciplinary Programs and Activities Center (IPAC).
3. Council members unanimously approved the proposed revisions to the Global Studies program.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 26th at 3:30 PM on ZOOM.

• **Undergraduate Curriculum Council – Minjung Seo**

UCC approved courses 2/10/2021

New courses

GLS 394 Intl Study in Sustainability - Repeatability issue

HSC 358 Be Well Now and Beyond

HSC 340 Global Health Promotion

Course update

ART 407 Adv. Prob. in Graphic Design

CMA 498 SCMA Professional Experience

• **Academic Policies Council – Eve Clark**

APC met on Friday, February 5. APC discussed COVID implications on Academic Disqualification and credits for a successful semester. We also reviewed and sent back a proposal for changes to the Global Studies program. We have several report out items including:

1) The Math department would like to add MAT 378 (a new course) to the list of electives for the following programs:

Mathematics BA major

Applied Mathematics BS major

Mathematics minor

Statistics (applied) minor

2) Health Sciences is adding to their electives:

HSC 120: Human Body Systems Credit: 3

HSC 358: Be Well NOW and BEYOND Credit: 3

HSC 373 - Sexual Wellness Credit: 3

PSY 343 - Health Psychology Credit: 3

It is subtracting from electives:

BIO 203 Human Biology Credit: 3 {moving to cognate choice}

BIO 207 Understanding Evolution

BIO 211 Human GeneUcs

BIO 310 Misrobiology

CHE 209 Chemistry and Public Concern GST 303 Leadership in Your Field

HDV 313 Human Sexual Development

HSC 101 Introduction to Health Promotion and Wellness

HSC 325 Women’s Health Issues Credit: 3

3) The addition to the following electives to the Athehletic Minor:

HSC 120: Human Systems - 3 cr

HSC 232: Intro to Personal Training -3 cr

HSC 333: Human Response to Stress - 3 cr

HSC 334: Kinesiology-3cr

HSC 460: Exercise Prescription - 3 cr

HSC 425: Sports Nutrition*• 3 cr

HSC 498: Internship - 3 cr

4) ECE: ECE would like to extend the C- minimum to all their classes including electives.

We also approved the following blanket deviation for the History Major:

To allow HIS minors who entered prior to Fall 2019 to use HIS 470 as their capstone rather than HIS 451,461 or 471. HIS 470 appears in Degree Works for students entering in Fall 2019 so this deviation will sunset when the earlier cohort of students graduates (students entering in Fall 2016, Fall 2017, and Fall 2018).

We will meet again this Friday, February 19 at 3:30pm by Zoom Meeting.

- **Personnel Policies Council – Aleksandra Kraszpulska**
PPC met on Feb. 15th. We discussed the nominees for the President's Award for Excellence in Faculty and Professional Staff Service. We sent forward our recommendations. Our next meeting will take place on March 1st.

V. Action: MA School Counseling Program Changes

Sean Finnerty gave a brief overview. Approved unanimously.

VI. CSS proposal for department status and move to SCMA

Leigh Wilson (ENG) and Amy Shore (CSS) spoke in support of this proposal. Brief discussion followed. Amy Shore offered to continue addition discussion in a coffee hour format if there are other questions about the move.

VII. New Business

No new business this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 PM

The next meeting will be 3/1/21 at 3:30 pm via Zoom. Please go to the FA website to see the complete [Spring 2021 FA meeting schedule](#).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.