

Via Zoom

*The meeting was called to order at 3:33 PM with a reading of the Land Acknowledgement Statement*

**I. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**II. Approval of February 15, 2021 Minutes**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**III. FA Chair's Report – Liz Schmitt**

**Program Changes:** We have four meetings remaining on 3/15, 3/29, 4/12, and 4/26. Our last meeting is shortened for the General Faculty meeting. If you are considering program changes and you want them to be approved by the end of this academic year, they need to be approved by councils by 4/12 to be voted on 4/26, and that is if there are no questions or issues. If changes do not get to APC, P&P and GE by the end of this month, it could be difficult to get needed approval from FA. I will reach out to council chairs about the last dates for consideration.

**Handouts:** I would draw your attention to today's handouts, with a resolution on Black Lives Matter, in support of a UFS resolution. I expect this to be debated and voted on at our 3/15 meeting.

**Ad Hoc Committee on SETs:** The Provost and I, along with FAEB, discussed the creation of an ad hoc committee on student teaching evaluations. The charge would be two-fold:

1. Proposals for movement to institution-deployed online evaluations which may include some common questions across departments, but still be customized.
2. Recommendations on appropriate use of SETs as part of a larger teaching portfolio.

**General Education:** We passed a new GE category for Oswego: Diversity, Identity, and Social Justice in the United States. This 3-hour requirement will be a student choice in the 2021-22 academic year, and become a requirement in the 2022-23 academic year. Learning outcomes are approved and posted on the FA website. This campus requirement is long overdue and puts us ahead of SUNY in complying with MSCHE expectations for core curriculum. SUNY will be following with their own category and we will need to merge our campus requirement with the SUNY requirement, so some changes will be inevitable, but the work starts now.

For this initiative to be successful, we will need a wide variety of courses across disciplines, not just focused in a few disciplines and instructors. I encourage you to bring this to your department, and I know the GE council would make themselves available to those with questions

and seeking assistance. I will be pushing for professional development opportunities/resources from the institution.

This will be a stretch for a lot of faculty--we have been trained in disciplines that have long side-lined certain approaches and perspectives. I hope we can rise to this occasion and model to our students the growth necessary to make this a success.

**IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces**

- **General Education Council – Christopher LaLonde**

- the General Education Council and the Assessment Advisory Committee met in a joint session as part of the task of reviewing and reporting feedback on CY 2020 general education assessment reports;

- the Council approved PSY 422 for inclusion in the Psychology writing plan;

- the Council approved the HIS 202 Course Outline to join the ENG 347 Course Outline as examples of approvable Course Outlines for courses in the Diversity, Identity, and Social Justice in the United States category

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

- The **Priorities & Planning Council** met virtually on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>:

1. We unanimously approved the History Department’s proposed changes to its BA program in History. These revisions included a change in the core requirements, and a minor change to the capstone. The total number of credits remains the same.

2. We reviewed and unanimously approved the Department of Electrical Engineering’s minor program revisions. The only change will be to add C++ Programming (ECE 270) as an option in the program’s core as a possible substitute for Principles of Programming (CSC 212).

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM on Zoom

- **Undergraduate Curriculum Council – Minjung Seo**

- Course update

- CRJ 355 Wrongful Convictions

- ART 336 Art Therapy Practices

- ART 339 Art Therapy Principles

- ART 341 Contemporary Photography

- New courses

- HIS 334 Death, Data, Local Cemeteries

- **Academic Policies Council – Eve Clark**

- APC met on Friday, February 22. APC discussed and approved a council member

proposal to modify academic standing and disqualification which is on the floor for review. We also reviewed a proposal to amend the College's academic dishonesty policy, we return the proposal with a few changes and will review again in our next meeting. We meet this week on March 5, 3:30pm on zoom

- **Personnel Policies Council – Aleksandra Kraszpuska**

PPC met on March 1st.

We discussed issues related to tenure, continuing appointment and promotion that had come up.

We would like to encourage anybody involved in the process to review Appendix B & D of the FA bylaws if they have not done so in a while.

Our next meeting will be held on March 22nd.

- **ITC – Theresa Gilliard-Cook**

ITC Meet this morning, March 1, 2021 at 10am.

Blackboard issues on 2/28 - due to a hardware failure with our host provider. Impacted multiple campuses. Resolved early this morning. The campus will look at how it communicates these off-hours SUNY system outages in the future.

Zoom - finite space available; CTS working on a process to remove video from Spring 20 and Summer 20. Communication should be going out soon.

SUNY Print Project - Sean shared slides from System regarding potential savings in printing costs. This project is in the planning stages locally for our campus.

Google announcement regarding storage - discussed possible impact and considerations for a long-term plan

We discussed the fact that SUNY Administration did an RFP for a new LMS/Digital Learning Environment which was completed in December 2020. It is our understanding that a winner of the bid was selected and SUNY is now in negotiations with the winning vendor. There has not yet been a formal announcement as to the vendor, but our campus has always known that we may need to move away from Blackboard Learn when the new environment was selected. We have been through a number of Digital Learning Environment changes in the last 15 years, and luckily for us we have the skills, knowledge, and expertise on our campus to do this well. When the time comes we will need to do extensive training for the campus, possibly starting in the Summer or Fall. Whenever the campus knows, we will start the process of laying out a plan for moving into the new system

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

**V. Presentation on Student Conduct – Alexis Pinero-Benson**

Alexis gave an overview of the purpose of Student Conduct, its processes and presented data from last year. He explained how faculty can become involved, forms can be found on the Student Conduct website, and the email address is [conduct@oswego.edu](mailto:conduct@oswego.edu). Alexis' complete presentation can be seen on the FA website.

**VI. New Business**

No new business this meeting.

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 PM*

**The next meeting will be 3/15/21 at 3:30 pm via Zoom. Please go to the FA website to see the complete [Spring 2021 FA meeting schedule](#).**