

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 January 24, 2022 Minutes**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

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

**The North Remembers: Winter is Coming–no wait, it's here**

Last Thursday and Friday we had our first weather cancellations of the semester. With these decisions, come some scrambling, frustration and questions about how to deal with missed classes. Here are some general points to consider:

- While partial cancellation can be disruptive it can also salvage lab, studio and performance time, all of which are not easily moved remotely.
- Provost guidance gives faculty agency in how they deal with weather campus cancellations: “face-to-face and hybrid classes will be taught remotely according to your faculty member's instructions.” We, as professionals, exert more control over our work lives than many other non-academic professionals, and I would empower you to exercise your professional judgment based on your learning goals for your courses and accommodating the equity issues faced by your students. Keep your chair informed.
- The possibility of weather-related cancellations is a part of living here. With that in mind:
  - Have a department discussion about how best to deal with weather issues.
  - Have a communication plan with your students. (Not just a sign on a door.)
  - Have your own plans for your classes.

Keep in mind, for off campus students, they have less driving experience, period. We as faculty have a responsibility to try to hold them harmless in getting to campus.

**Handouts:** Quest date change on the calendar. Vote on 2/21

**Angela Davis**

Acclaimed educator, author and activist Angela Davis will keynote SUNY Oswego's 33rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 9. 6:30 pm Waterman Theatre.

Tickets are sold out, but you can register for a password-protected livestream link at [tickets.oswego.edu](https://tickets.oswego.edu)

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

● **Graduate Council Report – Isabelle Bichindaritz**

Graduate Council met on Thursday, February 3rd, 2022. We did not approve any course or program. We discussed the Graduate Dean Report and progress of previously approved programs moving through state approval.

Our next meeting will be on February 17, 2022. Please send any course or program for approval to the Council's chair by the Monday of that week.

● **Academic Policies Council – Craig Delancy**

Academic Policy Council met on 28 January. They approved: a proposal from Chemistry for a 1 credit hour career skills course for their programs; the new E to F policy; and a memo from the Philosophy-Psychology program asking for changes in how the 54 hour rule is applied. Also discussed where the issue of double-dipping in some majors, and changes requested by psychology to the listing of depth courses

● **General Education Council – Chris LaLonde**

The Council has been working on how best to transition our local general education requirement/approved courses (GE 21) to the new SUNY-GE, effective fall 2023

● **Undergraduate Curriculum Council- Jeremy Shifton**

Approved courses/course updates

- ANT 380
- GLS 498
- ISC 406

● **Priorities and Planning Committee – Emily Estrada**

The Priorities & Planning Council met virtually on Friday, February 4th:

We voted to approve the Chemistry BS and BA revisions.

We declined to act on a proposed revision to the Philosophy-Psychology program because it does not fall within our purview.

We deferred a vote on the proposed E to F policy until we receive some more information on the proposal.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, February 18th at 3:00 PM on Zoom

● **Personnel Policies Council – Jeff Schneider**

PPC met a week ago Monday and began discussing candidates for the President's Awards for Service for Faculty and Staff.

● **Research Council – Dave Sargent**

Research Council met on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> and continued work and discussion on recommendations for research and scholarly activity benchmarks. Special considerations across and between schools, departments, programs, and specialties were among the priorities, as well as the changing face of

research support. Input is encouraged by contacting Andrea Vickery or Dave Sargent. The next Research Council meeting will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- **Information Technology Council – Theresa Gilliard-Cook**  
No report this meeting
  
- **Campus Concept Committee – Liz Schmitt**  
No report
  
- **UUP – Steve Abraham**  
There are two UUP events on February 16, 2022:
  1. Virtual Benefits workshop – Zoom link to be provided
  2. In person social event in the BallroomReminder – IDAP applications are due March 4, 2022

**V. Elections and Vacancies**

Please let Liz know if there are changes in your department representation.

**VI. Report on First Year Experience – Mallory Bower, Julie Pretzat, Scott Furlong**

Mallory is the Coordinator of First Year Experience. She discussed current programs, shared information on developing programs and provided an overview of the Experiential and Signature Course programs. Laker Launch and Success Coaching are programs to help first year students adjust. Mallory also, briefed us on future plans. Current courses can be found on the [Oswego website](#). To submit interest in teaching a Signature course, please complete [this form](#). Mallory’s full presentation can be found on the FA website under “Meeting Items”.

**VII. New Business**

No new business this meeting

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 PM*

**The next meeting will be 2/21/22 at 3:00 pm via Zoom**