

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 March 7, 2022 Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. FA Chair’s Report – Liz Schmitt

In Memoriam: Dennis J. Quill

A campus announcement noted the passing of Dennis Quill, Instructional Support Technician for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, last week.

Dennis is remembered as a great programmer and trouble-shooter, whose worked helped bring out the best in others. He was loved by students and spent hours helping them with their capstone projects, and modeled lifelong learning as he worked to finish his computer science degree at Oswego.

Dennis is remembered and mourned by a large circle of family and friends. I would like to quote from his obituary:

“All who knew and loved Dennis will miss him and his corny jokes, his devout love for chocolate cake, absurd amounts of knowledge on any given topic, impeccable musicality, and an unquenchable thirst for learning something new. He will always be remembered for his crater-sized dimples, cooking and grilling skills, his curvaceous bowling hook, and his undeniable tenacity to look death in the eyes and say, “not today.””

Handbook and Bylaws

These items need work. Both of these documents have been edited in a piecemeal fashion. When looking at them as a whole from the outside (i.e. the MSCHE evaluation team), they raise questions. I am not suggesting major changes in what they do, but maybe some revisions that reflect evolving practices or improve the wording. This might be a task to consider for the 2022-23 academic year. In the meantime, I want to hear from you about any issues you have with either of these documents.

Voting Faculty

One issue worth examination and/or discussion is our definition of voting faculty and the service of voting faculty on search, review, and personnel committees, along with chair selection. This excludes faculty in the qualified ranks, including some long-serving VAPs. Other SUNYs have broader definitions of voting faculty. Given the Bylaws were originally written in 1975, under a very different landscape, this is worth examining.

SCMA Dean Search Update

A ballot went out today. There appears to be a problem with it. I am conferring with the Vice Chair, who has COVID and is quarantined in Europe.

In general it is basic courtesy and common sense to ask someone's permission prior to nominating them for a committee. A search committee is significant work, so please do not assume.

AAUP Joint Statement, Formal institutional structures for consultation

A few weeks ago, I asked for responses on FA issuing a statement in support of the AAUP Joint Statement on legislative interference in teaching about race. I received two sets of department comments.

I would like to follow up on a related issue, one of consultation. One thing I have noticed is that I am missing big groups of faculty when I reach out for feedback, or I find out about an issue by accident. Consultation is not working as well as I would like, particularly on DEI issues. I would like to see a more formal, institutional structure for this, and I am talking with the Provost about what it might look like.

Program Changes

If anyone has a program in the academic affairs pipeline, please let me know so we can see if it will be possible to route through APC, P&P by 4/18 report out for a 5/2 vote.

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

● **Graduate Council Report – Isabelle Bichindaritz**

Graduate Council has not met last week. Our next meeting will be on March 31st. Please submit your course or program proposals or updates to the Graduate Council Chair by the Monday of that week..

● **Academic Policies Council – Craig Delancy**

APC met on March 11. We approved the Final Exam Accommodations policy and discussed the 54-credit restriction for the Philosophy-Psychology joint major. Our next meeting is on March 25.

● **General Education Council – Chris LaLonde**

Review of CY 2021 general education assessment reports by the Council and members of the Assessment Advisory Committee continues apace, as does review of Course Outlines submitted to the Council for review.

● **Undergraduate Curriculum Council- Jeremy Shifton**

UCC approved one course today, NAS 340

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

No report this meeting. The next meeting will be April 1st.

● **Personnel Policies Council – Jeff Schneider**

No report this meeting.

● **Research Council – Dave Sargent**

No report this meeting. The next meeting will be held in May.

- **Information Technology Council – Theresa Gilliard-Cook.**

No report this meeting

- **Campus Concept Committee – Liz Schmitt**

No report this meeting

- **UUP – Steve Abraham**

No report this meeting. Will be discussing assigned time guidelines. Negotiations meeting will be on April 29.

V. Final Report from Ad Hoc Committee on SETs – David Crider, Sean Moriarty

David thanks the entire committee for all their hard work. David and Sean recapped the report. David reminds departments that the recommendations should be used only as guidelines. Sean advises an AFES pilot will begin this semester in a few departments. Also, they will be working with CTS to establish a messaging procedure to communicate with students. The [complete report](#) can be seen on the FA website.

For: 92% Against: 0% Abstain: 8% Report accepted.

VI. Gen Ed Discussion, motions – Chris LaLonde

Motion to Adopt SUNY GER Learning Outcomes

For 81% Against 3% Abstain 16 % The motion was approved.

Motion to Abolish World Awareness Sub-groups and Attendant LO’s with AY 2023-2024

For 66% Against 5% Abstain 29% The motion was approved.

VII. New Business

No new business this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 PM

The next meeting will be April 4, 2022 at 3:00 pm via Zoom