

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM with a reading of the Land Acknowledgement Statement

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

II. Approval of May 2, 2022 Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. FA Chair’s Report – Liz Schmitt

Welcome! We are back and the campus seems more alive than it has in the past two years.

In Memoriam

Paul Dussere, Professor of Mathematics

Paul has a 36-year career at Oswego, retiring in 2003. I did not know Paul well so I reached out to two emeriti mathematics faculty, Pat Halpin and Sue Fettes.

Both talked about how their cohort formed a close support group that lasted throughout their years at Oswego. Sue writes, “There was no better place for an upcoming mathematician to be than the 2nd and 3rd floors of Snygg.” There was a group of young mathematicians who formed the “Old Farts in Training,” in contrast to the senior faculty. But as the years passed, they were no longer “in training” and this group began an annual tradition of the Old Farts Dinner, with the most recent one happening with Paul’s widow just a few days after his unexpected passing.

Pat noted that Paul was, by training, a theoretical mathematician, but noting a need by students actually studied statistics during a sabbatical and would go on to teach courses in operations research for business students. This struck me as a great model of lifelong learning for our students.

Paul was a big music lover, especially the blues, his obituary notes, “If this obituary had a soundtrack, it would be Jimmy Yancey’s soulful, wordless “Mournful Blues.”

Daniel Griffin, Director of Admissions

A much loved member of the Oswego community, Dan Griffin passed after a long illness. Dan was beloved by so many, and his quick wit, sense of humor and deep integrity made him such a role model to the thousands of students he helped recruit.

Lost to us and his family too soon, his passing is a cruel reminder that life is too often unfair.

A proud alumnus himself, Dan’s work in admissions was also a labor of love. His legacy is an amazing one—decades of Oswego alumni once recruited under his leadership, leading meaningful, productive lives. His career at Oswego was about giving this institution its greatest gift, our students, year after year.

Modality, Paperless

In deciding on how to run meetings this year, I felt the need for flexibility and inclusiveness while returning to the in-person residential core of the college. Also factored in is my own ability to multi-task and run a meeting while streaming. After consulting with FAEB and some other faculty, I decided to begin with streaming this meeting but voting only in person.

Because of the streaming and to be inclusive to those who have trouble hearing in large group situations, we are using microphones. I will wear the clip-on microphone. There are two handheld microphones to pass around. If there are quick questions/comments from the crowd, I will repeat them into my microphone. I will do my best to monitor comments in Zoom, but as has been the practice for the past 2 years, Zoom comments are not treated as recognition on the floor.

I am not bringing paper copies of agendas or minutes to the meetings, and I plan on distributing voting items electronically as well through the FA website in accordance with our two week rule.

Presidential Search

I cannot really specifically comment more than the email that went out last week. I can note that the College Council is required to forward three candidates to SUNY. So, as outsiders to the process, we can conclude they were not comfortable enough with three of the five finalists.

The search is extended/re-opened. However, most if not all faculty members cannot serve a second year as they have made other commitments, so elections will be coming.

A special thank you to the members of the search committee as this is an incredible amount of work. Also, I would ask that we all respect the obligations of our faculty serving on this committee to keep certain things in confidence.

I will share my deep frustration with the process dictated by SUNY in how searches are done on campuses, who leads the search, and this inflexibility by the Trustees in presenting candidates. Several campuses have had failed searches in the past few years, and there needs to be some assessment at the top about how this process fails campuses by marginalizing the role of the people that actually work in higher education on the specific campus.

EV Plug-in Issues

The growth of EV among employees means there are not sufficient charging stations in parking lots. I would invite faculty and staff to reach out to me if they are using an EV so I can get an idea of the size of the problem. In the facilities master plan, parking lot overhauls will provide additional charging capacity but we may need to explore solutions on a shorter timeline.

Agenda for the year

Reviews: Extended Learning, Library Director, Grad Dean, Provost

We are back up in reviewing academic officers as directed in Appendix A of our Bylaws. We are overdue to review

- Sarah Weisman, Director of the Library
- Jill Pippin, Dean of Extended Learning

- Kristen Eichorn, Dean of Graduate Studies
- Scott Furlong, Provost

Handbook

- The faculty/staff handbook needs an overhaul—Ad hoc committee

Bylaws

- FA Chair term limit
- FA seats shifting to at-large seats if unfilled

Elections

- Shift canvas to Spring
- Hold elections online outside of the meeting?

Guest presentations:

- 9/12 Starfish
- 10/10 UPD, BIT, BRPT
- 9/26 Curriculog
- 11/7 Budget

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

There were no Council/Committee reports this meeting.

- **Graduate Council Report – Isabelle Bichindaritz.**
- **Academic Policies Council – Craig Delancy**
- **General Education Council – Chris LaLonde.**
- **Undergraduate Curriculum Council- Jeremy Shifton**
- **Priorities and Planning Committee – Emily Estrada**
- **Personnel Policies Council – Jeff Schneider**
- **Research Council – Dave Sargent**
- **Information Technology Council – Theresa Gilliard-Cook.**
- **Campus Concept Committee – Liz Schmitt**
- **UUP – Steve Abraham**

V. Elections

FA

FA Vice Chair/PPC Chair Jeff Schneider

FA Rep OPEN

At Large (2 Seats) Lisa Glidden, Isabelle Bichindaritz

Academic Policies Council

CLAS Soc & Behav. Eve Clark

School of Bus. Steve Abraham

SCMA OPEN

School of Ed Jessica Harris

At Large Marianne Hromalik –or- Pat Russo (tied revote next meeting)

Priorities and Planning

CLAS Humanities Lenuta Giukin

SCMA Taejin Jung

School of Ed OPEN

General Education

CLAS Soc & Behav. David Andrews

CLAS Nat. Sci/Math/CS Sungeun Kim

School of Ed OPEN

Information Technology

FA (2 Seats) Zeng Hao, OPEN

At Large (3 Seats) Erin Kovalsky, Two seats OPEN

Graduate Council

School of Business Mohammad Tajvarpour

School of Ed Najah Zaaeed

Grad Voting Faculty Juan Perdiguero

Undergrad Curriculum

CLAS Humanities OPEN

CLAS Soc/Behav. Jeremy Shifton

CLAS Nat Sci/Math/CS Sarah Hanusch

School of Ed Doreen Mazzye

Research Council

Penfield Library Kathryn Johns-Masten

School of Business Dean Crawford

SCMA Andrea Vickery

School of Ed Najah Zaaeed

Campus Concept

Voting Fac/Prof Staff Martin Koen

University Faculty Senators

Alternate Steve Abraham

Auxiliary Services Board

1 Seat Jennifer Knapp

Student Association

3 Seats OPEN

VI. New Business

Sarfraz Mian shared his grant proposal to NSF and asks that interested participants contact him. The

complete presentation will be available on the FA website.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM

The next meeting will be September 12th - 175 Shineman at 3:00 pm
The meeting schedule for the Fall 2022 available on the FA website.