

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 September 12, 2022 Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. FA Chair's Report – Liz Schmitt

Presidential Search: An Update

The ballot was sent out on 9/19. Voting closed at noon on 9/26. I will send something out about the composition once all nominees have been notified about the election results. Shout out to Cathy Johnston who compiled an updated voting faculty list.

President's Award for Excellence and Faculty and Staff Service

I forgot to send out the call for nominations, so it went out today. Deadline for nominations is pushed back to Oct 26, 2022 as well.

Thinkingstorm and 3rd party apps

Last week, an application called Thinkingstorm appeared in many course shells on campus. As the email announcement on 9/23 noted, this is an online tutoring service that has partnered with SUNY Oswego, is open every day for online tutoring, and the link is now under a tutoring services link at the top of our course shells.

While I fully appreciate the need to scale the tutoring available in students served and time availability, I do assert that faculty deserve a heads up when something like this appears in the course. I, and others, clicked on the link and found doing so immediately created an account and email to my oswego.edu address. This is problematic—such a tool should have an explicit opt in. Someone should be able to explore the resource prior to creating an account.

This brings up the larger issue of the collection of 3rd party tools we all use on the campus—iClicker, Maxient, Starfish, Handshake, etc. SUNY System evaluates tools for issues of accessibility and privacy, but for most of us, this is a black box. This question has been raised before, but not really answered. I will be reaching out to CTS, CTAB and ITC to get a bit more information to faculty about this.

Faculty and Staff Social

I had fun. There will be more, rotating days, perhaps a Trivia event and I was promised future socials would have a cash bar.

UFS Plenary and feedback

The UFS Plenary is at SUNY Purchase October 20-22. You should reach out to me, Frank or Eve with any issues you wish to be brought forward. I will be bringing forward the issues of the need for a Grade 11 Civil Service Exam schedule and 3rd party applications.

Guest presentations:

- 9/26 Curriculog
- 10/10 UPD/ BIT/ BRPT, Academic Affairs update
- 10/24 Grad Studies
- 11/7 Budget
- 11/28 Facilities?

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

- **Graduate Council Report – Isabelle Bichindaritz.**- No report this meeting
- **Academic Policies Council – Eve Clark** – No report this meeting
- **General Education Council – Chris LaLonde**
The Gen Ed Council met on 14 September and discussed the possibility of adding a First-Year Signature course requirement to General Education. Provost Furlong came to our meeting and shared his thoughts on first-year seminars. We will have Amy Bidwell and Michelle Bandla come to our next meeting to chat about the current FYS courses/program and answer any questions. In other business, LaLonde reminded folks about our new policy regarding gen ed assessment and reminded everyone that gen ed assessment plan updates for CY 2023 are due 1 November.
- **Undergraduate Curriculum Council- Jeremy Shifton**
Approved:
 - ART 250
 - ART 251
 - ART 358
 - CSS 392
- **Priorities and Planning Committee – Emily Estrada** – No report this meeting
- **Personnel Policies Council – Jeff Schneider** – No report this meeting
- **Research Council – Dave Sargent** – Will be meeting at noon on Wed. 9/28/22 via Zoom
- **Information Technology Council – Theresa Gilliard-Cook** – No report this meeting
- **Campus Concept Committee – Liz Schmitt** – No report this meeting
- **UUP – Steve Abraham.**

V. Elections**FA****FA Rep OPEN**

Academic Policies Council
SCMA Marianne Hromalik

Priorities and Planning
School of Ed OPEN

General Education
School of Ed Paul Babiarz

Information Technology
At Large Dave Sargent

Graduate Council
Grad Voting Faculty Michelle Thornton

Undergrad Curriculum
CLAS Humanities OPEN

VI. Curriculog Presentation – Rameen Mohammadi, Tracey Green

Rameen and Tracey gave a detailed overview of the advantages of Curriculog. They explained forms and workflow. The [complete presentation](#) is available on the FA website.

The link to [Curriculog website](#) can also be found on the Provost Resources website (<https://www.oswego.edu/provost/resources>).

Training sessions are held weekly on Tuesdays at 9:00 am and Thursdays at 1:00 pm in Penfield room 101. You may contact either Rameen or Tracey with any questions.

VII. New Business

No new business this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM

The next meeting will be October 10th - 175 Shineman at 3:00 pm

The meeting schedule for the Fall 2022 available on the FA website.