

Meeting Minutes

Name of body: Faculty Senate

Date: November 9, 2023

Time: 3pm

Location: Gilkey – Room 105

Call to Order

- Roll call : **Members present:** J. Barile, A. Belcourt, J. Bell, O. Berryman, M. Boller, K. Bosak, K. Cotton, T. Duce, J. Eglin, B. Emidy, R. Fanning, L. Fern, S. Fielding, L. Fishman, T. Floyd, J. Freer, E. Gillaspay, K. Jakob, P. Kirgis, S. Lollar, K. Loree, D. Macaluso, C. Martin-Wagar, M. McGrath, L. Meloy, J. Olomi, Charles Palmer, Chris Palmer, M. Schertz, J. Tuttle, N. Vonessen, C. Walker, A. Ware, C. Yoshimura. **Members absent:** A. Chatterjee J. Goodburn, K. Geiger, M. Shogren. **Members excused:** B. Draper, J. Carter, M. Cassens, M. Harrington, M. Hendrix, D. Kellenberg, D. Six C. Palmer
- Approval of minutes from [10/12/2023](#) meeting – Senator Eglin amends page 5; "Senator Eglin wants the Senate, the UFA, and the administration to seriously consider alternatives to student-generated evaluations, and suggested asking senior faculty to do the hard work of evaluating their colleagues, instead of outsourcing it to students, who lack the aptitude, training, and (as evidenced by low response rates) inclination to evaluate teaching." Seconded and Approved.

Public Comment – Senator Jakob, comment regarding one of his children taking a chemistry course in which the instructor has only a bachelor's degree; Senator Chris Palmer responded on behalf of the chemistry department to explain the situation.

Senator Olomi reminded the Senate that the undergraduate research conference is coming up and it's a good opportunity for students and faculty.

Reports

- Chair's report
 - Updates
 - FS – program manager is on leave; we're cobbling together coverage, etc.
 - LMS – feedback regarding Canvas rollout; a great deal of support is planned and timeline is forthcoming
 - [Course evaluations](#); please share this link with your constituents
 - Library cuts update – Dean Berry Brown visited with ECOS and highlighted some strategies to ensure access to articles from journals whose subscriptions were discontinued; a rapid article delivery service is available as well as interlibrary loan
 - Fall Commencement – Friday, December 15th; reminders about participation (regalia order deadline, etc.)

- Upcoming BOR meeting – UM is hosting in UC Ballroom; there is a Regents Professor nomination that will be announced next Thursday at 1:30pm
 - [UM Food Bank](#) – Chair Fern shared statistics of the volume of food distributed monthly
 - Upcoming Evaluation of the Administration – Chair Fern asks Senators to please engage with the survey; all survey responses are confidential, deadline is November 24th
- ECOS Report
 - Center Review – [MOLLI](#) (Seconded Motion) – approved
 - [University Policies](#) (Seconded Motion) – approved (one abstention)
- ASCRC Chair Mike Monsos
 - [Curriculum Consent Agenda](#) (Seconded Motion) – Friendly amendments (editorial); approved
- Graduate Council Chair Val Moody
 - [Curriculum Consent Agenda](#) (Seconded Motion) – approved

New Business

- Guests
 - (3:34pm) Vice Provost for Educational Initiatives and Innovation Shara Tscheulin and Executive Director of the Mansfield Center Deena Mansour
 - UOnline- Instructional design support/capabilities
 - Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) training in partnership with UOnline
 - Support dollars available for faculty
 - Senator Duce asked about Canvas instructional design and creating exams
 - Nancy Clouse is on the committee for the Canvas migration; there will be support and assistance for onboarding faculty into the new LMS; accessibility is a priority
 - Chair Fern commented that the instructional design team is extremely helpful
 - UM Summer- Wish list and call for courses
 - Senator Duce commented that there is a lack of incentive to teach in the summer (lecturer salary, etc.)
 - Vice Provost Tscheulin will relay the comment to Julie Cahill, Director of UM Summer
 - GEO- general updates
 - [Mansfield Center](#) funded opportunities for faculty
 - Overview of founding (act of Congress), funding sources, collaboration across UM campus
 - Department of Defense grant (\$6 million, 3 years) to engage in a variety of programs focused on furthering civic discourse

- Deadline for faculty research projects – March 8th
- Please visit the Mansfield Center or directly contact Director Mansour
- Kent Haslam, Director of Athletics, Jean Gee, Associate Athletic Director (Student Affairs and Compliance), and Charles Palmer, [Faculty Athletic Representative](#) – [Intercollegiate Athletic Report](#)
 - 330 student athletes
 - 9 female sports; 6 male sports
 - Highest GPAs in the Big Sky Conference – football, softball, men's tennis
 - Three athletic academic advisors
 - Senator Floyd praised Jen Zellmer-Cuaresma for her advocacy and responsiveness; question/concern regarding athletes not performing to their full potential (missing assignments, etc. due to athletic commitments)
 - Jean Gee and Kent Haslam responded to comments
- Julia Troisi, Campus Visit Coordinator
 - Scheduling Departmental Meetings with prospective students
 - Julia explained structure in Slate that connects students with faculty/department component to their campus visit
 - Link for the Academic Departmental Meeting signups
<https://apply.umt.edu/register/?id=070f5195-f7b6-48d7-b683-2d35bb33075c>
 - Contact Julia regarding campus visits – it's not a one-size-fits-all
- Kient Palmer - [Follett Campus Bookstore](#) Manager
 - Justin Nixon-Hawes, Course Materials Manager, email address:
2340txt@follett.com

Good of the Order (4:35pm) – recognition of Chair Fern's efforts

Adjournment – 4:36pm
