

**ASU Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
February 21, 2024, 3:00 PM
HHS 104**

Drew Curtis President PSY	x	Anthony Bartl Vice President PSCI/PHL	x	Kenna Archer Secretary HIST	x	Trey Holik Parliamentarian PHY/GEO	x
Azize Akcayoglu ENG		Erica Bailey COMM	x	Jacob Burtch PT	x	Rusty Calk AEF	x
Leah Carruth TED	x	Yo-Rong Chen HSP	x	Brook Dickison C&I	x	Allison Dushane ENG/LANG	x
John Kellermeier AGRI		Melissa McDowell NURS		Christine Muelsch ENG/LANG	x	Adam Parker KIN	x
Saravanan Ramasamy CHEM		Gayle Randall M&M	x	Christopher Shar SW	x	Andrew Siefker MATH	x
Ben Skipper BIO		Tammy Stafford NURS(CLIN)		Grant Wilde CS		Jun Wu SEC STUD	x
Leila Yarian VPA	x						

Invited Guests

- A. General Hawkins, President - Not present
- B. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs - Present
- C. Kam Weise, President of Student Senate - Not present

II. Announcements and Questions

Dr. Topliff informed the body that he would like to have the University Curriculum Committee meet only once per year. This he believes will help make catalog changes and advising more efficient and will reflect the fact that the revisions to the CORE are allowed only once per year.

- The Strategic Enrollment Management team will meet with Faculty Senators on March 6; the report is already available online; all are welcome to come.
- A draft of the student AI operating policy is progressing and hopefully will be approved soon. After feedback from the Faculty Senate’s Executive Committee a provision discussing the efficacy of AI detection tools will be removed from this policy and may be the subject of a future faculty operating policy. Don believes that current AI detection technology is not “foolproof,” citing a figure of approximately 60% accuracy according to a certain study he had seen. Therefore, he concluded, this presents certain challenges for the university and the faculty.

- Because timely committee assignments have been a challenge for the past few years, Don is going to suggest moving the Presidential approval process up to the Spring of the preceding year.

III. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Andrew S. moved to accept the minutes as presented; Christine M. seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Academic Affairs - no report
- B. Bylaws and Standing Rules - no report
- C. University Affairs- OP 06.23 is complete and ready to submit to EC. OP 06.29 review is in progress. 06.32 will be next. The call for Faculty Awards has been sent out; nominations are due the Friday before Spring Break. Chris will send out a reminder of where to submit the nominations, since there has been confusion in the past.
- D. Committee on Committees - Survey will be sent out to the faculty soon.

V. Unfinished Business

Fellowships, Grants, & Research (Ad-Hoc Committee)

Faculty Research/Creative Endeavors & Student Travel (Ad-Hoc Committee)

Library Committee (Ad-Hoc Committee) – Aubrey is visiting departments and appears to have asked at least one department to survey the stacks related to its field and denote 3 categories: Definitely Keep; Maybe Keep; Definitely Remove

VI. Roundtable

- DREW: SEM will be on 3/6 at 3pm UC 211. All senators are encouraged to come. He also further explained, due to the feedback from the Executive Committee, the student AI policy will not include any statements about the efficacy of AI detection. However, we may see further discussion about this question on the faculty side of this, possibly including a future faculty O.P.
- Mark Hama (attending in place of Allison Dushane) shared the results of his investigations into the purported inadequacies of AI detection, particularly that of TURNITIN. He said that the origin was a questionable study from some time ago reported by the Washington Post; that Turnitin continues to improve its detection, which is 99.3% accurate when testing longer form writing assignments (over 300 words) and finding that 20% or greater of the assignment was generated by AI.
- A lively discussion about A.I. and detection ensued. At one point it was suggested that a task force or committee to look into this question might be appropriate.
- TONY: Reminded those whose terms were coming to end that their departments needed to conduct elections in order to fill the next term.
- One senator shared an anecdote about summer online courses being canceled by the dept. chair in order that they be rebuilt to better conform with CDLI's (OSCR) guidelines. The question was broached whether any other departments had experienced any similar. The senator was wondering whether this was a directive from CDLI or whether this was the initiative of this particular dept. chair.
- A question was raised about the IT email block list and why emails from important member of the community were not getting through to faculty members.
- An observation was made that the ASU clinic appeared to be turning students away due to not having enough slots; she wondered whether student could go elsewhere?

- A question was raised about student workers not in good academic standing. Should they be continuing to work on campus if they are failing out, not attending classes, etc.?
- A senator shared her colleagues' concerns that many students who are on campus but who are nevertheless taking online CORE courses are doing very poorly in those courses when compared to face to face courses. A particular problem is students never logging in until the third or fourth week of an 8 week course. In response to this problem, the faculty member inquired whether they could go back to teaching all face to face but were told they have to have at least two online sections per semester. Discussion ensued, and a number of senators agreed that enrolling for online courses should be a selective process, such as requiring students who take online courses to have a special "online" designation.

VIII. Adjournment

Andrew moved to adjourn; Brook seconded. Meeting was unanimously adjourned.