

ASU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2024, 3:00 PM
UC 206

Tony Bartl President PSCI/PHL	x	Trey Holik Vice President PHY/GEO	x	Leah Carruth Secretary TED	x	Rusty Calk Parliamentarian AEF	x
Vacant ENG		Erica Bailey COMM	x	Jacob Burtch PT	x	Jun Wu SEC STUD	x
Leila Yarian VPA	A	Yo-Rong Chen HSP	x	Brook Dickison C&I	x	Allison Dushane (sub) ENG/LANG	x
John Langdon AGRI	x	Melissa McDowell NURS	x	Christine Muelsch (sub) ENG/LANG	x	Rozie McCabe KIN	x
Saravanan Ramasamy CHEM	A	Gayle Randall M&M	x	Joel Carr SWK/SOC	A	Andrew Siefker MATH	x
Ben Skipper BIO	X	Deanna Watts POLS/PHIL	x	Roya Choupani CS	A	Nicole Lozano (sub) PSY	x
Taylor Gruman HIS	x	Vacant NURS(CLIN)					

Call to Order: 3:00 pm

I. Invited Guests

- A. Ronnie Hawkins, President
- B. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs

II. Announcements and Questions

A. University President - Scooter policy was sent out. It had been in the handbook all along because of the fire hazard. No more motorized scooters between 7-5. Cannot be in buildings at all. Charging places are being looked into, but students are responsible for that right now. If we hear complaints or have problems, send it to Chief Adams. If ASU funded scholarships, they have to keep track of their grades and students should have to check on grades. They will have to fill it out and submit it to

the academic advisor. It will resemble the athletic checks right now and make students be more accountable for the money they are receiving. We want to get on the forefront of it and hold them accountable. Finished presentations with the Legislative Budget Board: Center of Excellence AI, Student Success and Achievement, Innovation and Research Hub.

B. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs – Holy Days is for outside of typical days, such as weekends. Days for preparation may not be used as an excuse from the events scheduled at the same time as preparation. Email sent out about the Provost Scholars Program. Deadline for submission is coming up soon. One person got a million dollar grant from work as a Provost Scholar. Dean's Council discussed the draft of the Turnitin AI detection guidelines, which made sense. He likes that it is not only using the AI detection tool as the only means of use of AI. We are going to have to graduate students who have to know how to use AI or they would be employable. Gardner's expert on AI from the conference last week said ASU is ahead of the curve on discussions and policy creation for AI usage.

C. Cody Allison is the new representative for the Staff Senate. Still considering the proposal for the renaming of the ASU Mall.

III. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Moved: Andrew Siefker

Seconded: Brook Dickison

Carries unanimously approved

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Bylaws and Standing Rules - Andrew Siefker - information in unfinished business

B. Academic Affairs - Allison Dushane - no updates at this time

C. University Affairs - Jacob Burtch - in unfinished business

D. Committee on Committees - Trey Holik - hopes to have the survey to send to the President by January for approval so the 6 months can be used to put the committees together before Fall. Current committee assignments have been sent out. Look at the master list if you have not seen it or have questions.

E. Library Committee (Ad-Hoc -Tony Bartl) - nothing to report

F. Committee on CDLI (Ad-Hoc - Tony Bartl) Looking at the authority, the sense behind what is being asked of us. Going to talk with the Chair Council about these concerns. AI Detection Guidelines - trying to have a policy draft about AI Detection that has common ground from the Provost wants and if we come up with a policy, the Provost will turn the Turnitin AI Detection Software back on. We have the AI Detection software because he got the feeling that faculty were using it as a sole check for grading purposes and plagiarism. Explained to the Provost what he does within his classes. Asked about if the policy would go out to the Dual Credit adjunct as well and the pressures they are facing from others at the school settings.

V. Unfinished Business

A. "Individual Ratings" in OP 06.28 (Peer Evaluation) Last semester we voted to take the term individual ratings out of the OP which says to forward the individual ratings to the faculty member and department chair. The median rating goes up, but the OP said you need to know what the individual votes are and we voted to take that out. If people see the different votes it can cause problems with the next year's process. The vote was lost and the previous President was given the incorrect document and we now want to submit the correct document. Faculty Senate did not have any problems with the plan.

B. Faculty Use of Turnitin AI Detection (Executive Committee/ad hoc). mentioned in Provost section above along with the Committee on CDLI report

C. Constitution - Review of Article 3, Section 3 (gathering information about the background of the Faculty Senate need for a seat. He is doing the legwork to look for other Universities. Found one other place that has a similar policy as us right now.

D. OP 06.17 Other Employment, Faculty Consulting, and Public Offices - Remove the phrase from absence from campus since we have remote faculty. 1B, remove last sentence about time commitment to other employment, does state it later in the policy, removed section 1D because it was in section 1A already, 1E changed to make it hours for consistency, added in section about 8 hours of clinical work, etc. that are required of their faculty work that may go beyond the 8 hours in the policy and it would not count against the faculty. Faculty cannot work full-time outside the university. Talked about adding in under contract so they can specify since summer is not under contract and someone may work full-time off-campus in the summer.

E. OP 06.26 Faculty Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day - can we change it to immediate supervisor instead of chair since it is about them as well. 2E - faculty in collaboration with the chair will attempt to provide class coverage. Erica moved to amend the be policy. Trey seconded. The amendment was approved unanimously. OP passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

- A. New OPs will be distributed to committees

VII. Roundtable

- A. Where does student travel sit? There was a meeting set up and travel was not able to speak and those who traveled with students spoke up. The issue is not how to make Chrome River better. The issue is the responsibility of the faculty member for the students and all funding responsibility. They will research what other institutions do with this topic as well. If students don't pay back the money and what happens to them. Not ethical to impact a grade. All players were on the same page.
- B. Who do we talk to about reservation concerns? It was mentioned to contact Jessica Manning.
- C. Nursing taking a vote in December to fill their vacancy. They want to serve at a distance during the faculty senate meetings. Graduate faculty in the department want to serve and attend virtually. Can we set up our meetings for the distance meetings? Staff senate does a virtual meeting because they cannot all meet in person. Sometimes they record meetings, but they do not want that to happen anymore. Safety is noted as reasoning to not have it recorded. Run meetings through TEAMS right now in the Staff Senate. We did have virtual meetings during COVID. If distance faculty are faculty then we should accommodate them. What is best for the body and consider that. If we do virtual, is it everyone that can attend virtually, or it is just that person? Distance faculty bring in a unique perspective. The body does lose something if they go online rather than meet in person. What is a Faculty Senate and what is our role? Is there someone who is local who could serve, since this is a timely manner? Not going to make virtual meetings at this point.
- D. Comments about CDLI: Any thoughts about moving dates for the syllabus/course structure, semester in full force and faculty are actively involved and teaching and

wintermester does not start until after Christmas? Was there any consideration about the current workload? This has not been brought up in the Dean's Council yet. CDLI wants the chair to review the course and the instructional designers to come over and help. Not sure why it has to be done so early and so fully prepared, especially if it may not get approved or the course make. No communication about this process to Instructional Designers. There is a lot of turnover right now and one person is not completely assigned to the colleges. The chair is looking at the objectives and if the tasks match objectives. CDLI looks like they will accept that the course has been approved by the chair. CDLI will use the OSCAR and the chair does the content approval. Are there less courses offered in wintermester now that these processes have been put in place with the due dates?

- E. Frustration with academic integrity training, what was the criteria for requiring the training and there is difficulty with navigating the modules. How many more will come like this?

VIII. Adjournment: 4:30