



## Official Minutes Faculty Senate Meeting January 16, 2024

**Call to order:** Senate President Brandon Dupont called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the November 27<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting were approved by unanimous consent with the following amendment regarding the Fossil Fuel Divestment motion:

The Faculty Senate supports the work of the Associated Students, and we are particularly excited by the following three goals: (1) A focus on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investments, (2) Improved transparency with respect to Foundation decision making, and (3) a student and faculty voice on the Foundation board.

Regarding the December 5<sup>th</sup> ACC Minutes, senators raised a question about the language pertaining to AI and possible changes to the Academic Honesty policy. Following a discussion, it was decided that the Faculty Senate minutes would reflect that there is agreement that there should be revisions to the policy to address AI concerns and issues.

Minutes of the November 14<sup>th</sup> SLC meeting, November 21<sup>st</sup> ACC meeting, and December 5<sup>th</sup> ACC meeting were accepted as written by unanimous consent.

### **Reports and Announcements**

**Brandon Dupont, Senate President reported that:**

- There have been some recent membership changes to the Senate. Becky Johnston has started as Faculty Senate Specialist. Rich Brown will be filling the CFPA Senate seat. Tesla Monson will be filling the CHSS Anthropology seat for Winter and Spring quarter. Jim Graham will be filling the CHSS Psychology seat for Winter and Spring quarters.
- The Academic Grievance Board is looking for faculty to serve three-year terms. Any interested faculty are encouraged to reach out to Brandon Dupont.
- Becky Johnston created a [slide deck on parliamentary procedure](#) that is available for reference on the Faculty Senate Website.

**Sabah Randhawa, University President reported that:**

- The 2024 supplemental legislative session has begun. Many of the bills being discussed relate to higher education. About 10 bills are being closely monitored. The Senate will be informed of the outcome of these bills.

- The University is preparing for cold fronts and harsh weather conditions. Campus walkways will be cleared of snow starting at 2:00 am on January 19<sup>th</sup>. If campus is to close, a notification is to be sent out by 5:00 am.

**Brad Johnson, Provost and Executive Vice President reported that:**

- In light of several changes to both the structure and processes of scheduling, Provost Johnson would like to thank faculty on behalf of Academic Affairs for their work and efforts to accommodate these changes.

**Bidisha Biswas, Senate President reported that:**

- There are several bills of interest the Council on Faculty is following during the legislative session. A [summary of the bills](#) the Council is tracking has been made available to Senate members. The Senate can expect to hear updates on these bills at future meetings.

## **Action Items**

**Senate Standing Committee Roster Updates:** Several Standing Committees have undergone changes in membership. The SLC and CUE rosters were approved by unanimous consent.

**SLC Committee Charge and Membership Proposed Changes:** Due to recent changes regarding library operations, the SLC has proposed that library directors be non-voting members of the SLC to serve in an advisory capacity. Changes to the SLC charge were proposed to reflect the additional services that the library has begun to provide in recent years.

**A motion** made by Blanca Aranda, SLC Chair, (and seconded) **to approve** the addition of library directors as non-voting members of the SLC **passed** unanimously.

**A motion** made by Blanca Aranda, SLC chair, (and seconded) **to approve** minor changes to the SLC charge **passed** unanimously.

Brandon Dupont, Senate President, noted that these changes will be incorporated into the updated Faculty Handbook.

## **Presentations**

**Brandon Dupont Presentation:** Brandon Dupont, Senate President, presented an overview of the [feedback received from Senators](#) in Fall 2023 regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and potential concerns about its use on campus.

**Overview of AI:** Kameron Decker Harris, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, presented an overview regarding AI. Senators discussed concerns regarding AI detection software, the inclusion of academic works in AI databases, and plagiarism.

**Faculty Resources Overview:** Representatives from the Center for Instructional Innovation and Assessment/ATUS, Justina Brown and AJ Barse, presented on University resources for faculty related to AI. Over the last year, CIIA has maintained guidelines for students and faculty around the use of AI. The CIIA is offering a [learning session](#) related to AI on March

15<sup>th</sup>. Recordings of previous learning sessions are also available to faculty. Brown and Barse directed senators to a page aimed to [support faculty with detecting AI](#). Other resources discussed included a [FAQ page](#) and [flowchart](#) to further support faculty with AI concerns.

Derek Moscato, ATC Chair, stated the Academic Technology Committee has been discussing academic integrity as it relates to AI. Moscato said these discussions are ongoing and any engagement with these issues over the year is welcome.

Senator Michael Slouber presented proposed revisions to the Academic Honesty Policy to provide express language around the use of AI. In the violations section, Slouber recommended that “unauthorized use of generative AI” be included as a violation.

Senators raised questions about the language in the [Syllabi Policies for Students](#) page stating that AI is expressly forbidden unless it is specified that it is allowed. Brown stated that this is considered guidance and not official policy. Slouber stated the current recommendations to be provided to the UPRRG would be revised to include similar wording to the guidance stated in the Syllabus Policies for Students page. These recommendations will be provided to the UPRRG at an upcoming meeting. The Senate can expect to hear a report on the results of the proposal.

### **Items from the Floor**

**Bookstore Issue:** A senator raised concerns regarding an observed pattern of the AS Bookstore frequently not having the requested books in stock for students. Brandon Dupont, Senate President, stated he would look into this issue and report back to the Senate at a future meeting.

**Senators adjourned at 5:30 p.m.**

## Faculty Senate – ROSTER 2023-24

VOTING ATTENDEES			NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Faculty members			Student members (if applicable)	
Troy Abel	CENV, UEPP	P	Gabe Wong, AS Senate President	--
Charles Anderson	CHSS-HUM, History	--		
Blanca Aranda	CHSS-HUM, Modern & Classical Languages	P	<b>Standing Committees</b>	
Rich Brown	CFPA, Theatre & Dance	--	Blanca Aranda, SLC Chair	P
Tim Bruce	Graduate School	--	Bidisha Biswas, Leg Representative	P
Xiaofeng Chen	CBE, Decision Sciences	P	Allison Giffen, Budget Representative	P
Kristen Chmielewski	CHSS-SBC, HDD	--	Derek Moscato, ATC Chair	P
Catherine Clark	CSE, Chemistry	P	Jennifer Seltz, OCE Chair	--
Sondra Cuban*	WCE, HCS	P	Shevell Thibou, CUE Chair	P
Dawna Drum	CBE, Accounting	P	Kristi Tyran, ACC Chair	P
Brandon Dupont*	At Large	P	<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>	
Lindsay Foreman-Murray	WCE, Ed Leadership	P	Christopher Bianco, Council of Deans	P
Ramadha Piyadi Gamage	CSE, Math	P	Brad Johnson, Provost	P
Allison Giffen	CHSS-HUM, English	P	Peter Pihos, UFWW President	P
Jim Graham	CHSS-SBS, Psychology	P	Sabah Randhawa, President	P
Kameron Harris	CSE, Computer Science	P		
Ron Helms	CHSS-SBS, Sociology	--		
Erika McPhee-Shaw	CENV, ESCI	--		
Jeffrey Meier	CSE, Math	--		
Tesla Monson	CHSS-SBS, Anthropology	P		
Mark Peyron	CSE, Engineering & Design	--		
Clayton Pierce	Fairhaven	--		
Camilo Ponton*	CSE, Geology	P		
Jason Query	CBE, Economics	--	<b>Recorder</b>	
James Ray	CFPA, Music	--	Abby Peterson, <i>Graduate Assistant</i>	P
Michael Slouber	CHSS-HUM, GHR	P	<b>Guests</b>	
Shevell Thibou"	Libraries	P	John Farquhar, Director, ATUS	P
Derek Yip-Hoi	CSE, Engineering & Design	P	Justina Brown, Center for Instructional Innovation & Assessment, ATUS	P
CHSS-HUM (VACANT)			AJ Barse, Learning Systems, ATUS	P
WCE (VACANT)			Becky Johnston, Faculty Senate Specialist	P
			Elissa Hicks, Government Relations	P
			<b>Voting attendees</b>	17
			<b>Non-voting attendees</b>	13
			<b>TOTAL ATTENDEES</b>	30