

## Faculty Senate Minutes

September 26, 2023

The regular business meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 3:30 pm in Holloway Hall 119. The Senate President was in the chair and the Secretary was present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

President Lyn Lepre made announcements.

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The minutes of the September 12 meeting were approved as corrected.

The MOTION on including “Belonging” in the Faculty Handbook that was carried over from the previous meeting was withdrawn for revisions.

The FDC MOTION proposed by Senator Emmert PASSED as written.

Resolved, that Article VII, Section 5 (Faculty Development Committee), of the Faculty Senate Bylaws be modified in accordance with the process provided in Section 6 of Article VI to replace “Director of the office of Innovation in Teaching and Learning” with “Assistant Provost for Faculty Success.”

After debate and amendment, the GEOC “editorial model” MOTION proposed by Senator Tuske PASSED.

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate change the General Education course approval process by disbanding the General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC) advisory subcommittees and replacing them with an “editorial model” for General Education category course proposal review. This means that the GEOC will assign each course submitted to two Faculty reviewers who will evaluate the course proposals based on the rubrics and criteria contained in the GEOC Standing Rules. The reviewers will submit their written evaluation to the GEOC. In accordance with the Faculty Senate bylaws, GEOC has the final decision on the approval of courses for General Education curriculum.

These Faculty reviewers shall be from two different departments which are not the same as the department of the course proposer. Faculty reviewers shall be drawn from a pool of interested faculty who are identified as described below. In case the two reviewers cannot agree, the GEOC shall send the course to a third faculty reviewer as a “tiebreaker.”

The GEOC shall compile a pool of potential faculty reviewers. As a starting point, the current GEOC advisory subcommittees will be asked to recommend faculty reviewers to this pool by the end of the Spring 2024 semester. After that time, faculty will be able to self-nominate to serve as reviewer for a particular General Education category by submitting an interest statement to the GEOC.

The starting date of this model will be determined in consultation between the Faculty Senate and the GEOC.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm

David Keifer, Secretary  
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Approved October 10, 2023.