

Faculty Senate Minutes
March 26, 2024: [MS Teams, 3-5 PM](#)

Call to Order; Silent Roll Call (0 min.)

Present:

Senator (S), ExCo (E), Other Non-Voting Member (O)

Ahmed Alsharif (S)	Eric Russell (S)	Maureen Andrade (S)	Summer Karafiath (S)
Alex Yuan (S)	Evelyn Porter (E)	Max Aeschbacher (S)	Tammy Ross Huffman (S)
Anthony Ciccone (S)	Gareth Fry (S)	Melinda Bender (S)	Terrance Orr (S)
Ashley Nadeau (S)	Jaden Muir (O)	Merilee Larsen (S)	Tracy Sermon (S)
Ben Moulton (E)	Jennifer Shubert (S) (E)	Michaela Sawyer (S)	Wayne Vaught (E)
Bryan Sansom (S)	Jim Price (S)	Ming Yu (S)	Wioleta Fedeczko (E)
Christopher Goslin (S)	John Newman (S)	Nate Jeppson (S)	
Colleen Hough (S)	Jon Anderson (E)	Nichole Ortega (S)	
Dallas Smith (S)	Jonathan Allred (E)	Nicole Gearing (E)	
Dan Perry (S)	Joshua Fagan (S) (E)	Nizhone Meza (E)	
David Frame (S)	Kat Brown (E)	Paul Morrey (S)	
David Knowlton (S)	Ken Adams (S)	Rich Paustenbaugh (E)	
Deb Dowd (S)	Kenzie Jones Womack (E)	Rick McDonald (S)	
Diego Alvarado Karste (S)	Laura Ricaldi (S) (E)	Sam Gedeborg (E)	
Donna Fairbanks (S)	Laurie Toro (E)	Sayed Sajal (S)	
Doug Czajka (S)	Maria Blevins (S)	Sean Crossland (S)	
Dustin Shipp (S)	Matthew Duffin (S)	Stephanie Dunn (S)	

Absent/Excused:

Ezgi Sertler (E)	Michael Hollister (S)	Peter Sproul (S)	Raiden Gaul (S)
Waseem Sheikh (S)			

Approval of Previous Minutes (available in Faculty Senate teams/[website](#))

- Minutes stand approved

Wioleta Fedeczko, Faculty Senate President [3:00-3:05]

- Senate Appreciation Lunch: April 30, 12-1:30 PM (RSVP due by April 12)
- Reminder that any new senator will need to attend the last Faculty Senate meeting for the academic year

Jennifer Shubert, Service & Elections Chair [3:05-3:20]

- Call for Nominations
 - Nominations are now open, feel free to nominate yourself or others
 - If nominating someone else, please confirm their interest and bandwidth for the position before submitting a nomination
 - Voting will take place at next Faculty Senate Meeting
 - Positions available:
 - Service and Elections Chair

- University Curriculum Committee Chair
- Academic Technology Steering Committee Chair
- Special Investigations Chair
- Parliamentarian
- Introduce Doug Gardner
 - Doug has accepted the nomination to serve as Interim RTP&A Chair and will finish the current term for the old RTP& A chair (July 2025)
 - Entertain a motion to vote to approve Doug Gardner as Interim RTP&A Chair: *Wioleta Fedeczko*
 - So Moved: *Jim Price*
 - Seconded: *David Frame*
 - Call to Question: *Josh Fagan*

VOTING RESULTS:
36 agree, 0 disagree, 0 abstain

Provost, Wayne Vaught [3:20-3:30]

- End-of-Semester Reminders & General Announcements
 - Reminder to follow policy when it comes to assignments and final exam periods
 - Please hold finals during your scheduled time and make sure classes don't continue past the end of the semester
- [Campus Climate Survey](#)
 - Academic Affairs has the lowest rate of return on the survey, please fill it out

GE Task Force Chair, Evelyn Porter [3:30-3:45]

- Update on GE Proposal ([GE Task Force](#))
 - The final proposal has been solidified and will be sent to Provost's office with 3 main recommendations:
 - 30 credits with a new category for the 3 credits beyond the 27 required by R470
 - Additional course would be Personal, Professional, and Civic Growth
 - Remove Prescriptive GE
 - Replace the extra 5 GE credits with lower division credits/courses
 - Reminder that the Provost has the final say on how GE will move forward on campus

Laura Ricaldi, Senate Special Investigations Chair [3:45-3:55]

- [Academic Integrity Survey](#)
 - Survey has generated a good response over the past few weeks
 - Last push to get more responses, encourage your department and students to complete the survey if they have not already

~~**Tiffany Evans and Heather Wilson-Ashworth, Calendar Committee**~~ [3:55-4:00]

- Feedback for Academic Calendar (see Teams files)
 - Looking for Faculty feedback on the academic calendar and future surveys

Policy

- **Introduce**
 - [113](#) University Awards of Excellence (*Tearsa Burke and Kara Schneck*) [4:00-4:10]
 - Better clarity on how to nominate individuals and the criteria for a nomination
 - Provide more flexibility and customization for PACE and Faculty Senate awards
 - [335](#) Staff Grievance (*Drew Burke*) [4:10-4:20]
 - Ensures compliance with USHE Policy R831
 - Better alignment with UVU Policies: 335, 371, 648
 - Changes will ensure the staff grievance process is more compliant, fair, consistent, and applied indiscriminately
- **Discuss and Vote**
 - [640](#) Faculty Sabbatical Leave (*Kat Brown*) [4:20-4:30]
 - Motion to Vote: *Josh Fagan*
 - Seconded: *Jim Price*
 - Call to Question: *Laura Ricaldi*
 - [644](#) Selection/Responsibilities of Department Leadership (*Kat Brown*) [4:30-4:40]
 - Motion to Vote: *Josh Fagan*
 - Seconded: *Bryan Sansom*
 - Call to Question: *Deb Dowd*
- **Discuss Limited Scope Revision**
 - [658](#) Establishment and Administration of Graduate Programs [4:40-4:50]
 - No comments at this time
 - Motion to suspend the rules and vote on limited scope revisions: *Josh Fagan*
 - Seconded: *Laura Ricaldi*
 - Call to Question: *Bryan Sansom*

VOTING RESULTS:

- Policy 640: 30 agree, 0 disagree, 0 abstain
- Policy 644: 36 agree, 0 disagree, 0 abstain
- Policy 658: 33 agree, 0 disagree, 0 abstain

Consent Item: Deletion of Policies [4:50-4:55]

- Expect several Policy deletions coming to Senate
 - These policies are outdated, not used, and have been replaced by newer policies already in place.
 - Due to accreditation, we must ensure our policies are in order, so moving forward we will have more policies coming through the pipeline.
 - This consent item bundles the policies together to allow one vote to delete all policies included
 - Policy Deletions:
 - [108](#) Contacting the Trustees or Regents
 - [109](#) Contacting the OGC and the Attorney General's Office
 - [208](#) Outside Vendors/Contracts on Campus
 - [209](#) Contracting with Non-University Employees
 - [450](#) Processing and Control of Distributed Administrative
 - Entertain a motion to approve the Consent Item: *Wioleta Fedeczko*
 - Motion to Approve: *Laura Ricaldi*

- Seconded: *Jim Price*
- Call to Question: *Josh Fagan*

VOTING RESULTS:

- Consent Item: 32 agree, 0 disagree, 0 abstain

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[4:55-5:00]

- Ten students have passed the CFP (Certified Financial Planner) exam this semester. UVU had a 91% pass rate on the exam when the national average is 60%
- UVU hosted the Skills USA robots and automation technology and mechatronics contest this past weekend. UVU will take gold in the state for both contests and will move on to nationals
- Reminder to RSVP for the Senate Appreciation Lunch on April 30th

Adjourn

[session end time 5:00]

- Meeting ended at 5:00pm

Announcements: *No time allocated. Please review and send to your departments, as applicable.*

- a. **Global Engagement:** Consider attending the [Academic Freedom Symposium](#) on Thursday, March 28, 11-12:30 at Centre Stage: “The symposium aspires to examine academic freedom with both a global and a domestic lens while focusing on five topics of conversation: foundations of learning, education emergency and crisis, hate speech, gender equality, and digital transformation and AI. The purpose of the symposium is to engage in a conversation about these issues, the challenges of mis and disinformation, as well as raise awareness about academic freedom to those who may not be aware of the threats to academia and scholars around the world.
- b. **AI Resources**
 - Fulton Library’s student AI [Guide](#)
 - Fulton Library’s faculty AI [Guide](#)
 - Faculty Senate and OTL’s AI [Resources](#)
 - AI Task Force [Events](#)
- c. **Fulton Library:** Check out Fulton Library’s [faculty resource guide](#), which offers helpful information about publication in academic journals.
- d. **Office of Teaching and Learning:** The Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL) has launched a [Request an Instructional Designer](#) form so you can request a consultation meeting with an Instructional Designer at any time. Consultations will typically be through Microsoft Teams but may be in-person if needed.

Policy Updates ([process overview](#))

Policies in Stage 1: *Coming to Senate for discussion, comments, and debate.*

- Policy 335 Staff Grievance
- Policy 113: University Awards
- Policy 116: Student Communication
- Policy 151: Pregnancy Accommodation
- Policy 203: Employee Fringe Benefits
- Policy 329: Telephone and Cellular Phone Usage
- Policy 336: Children in the Workplace
- Policy 541: Student Code
- Policy 601: Classroom Instruction and Management
- Policy 633: Faculty Performance Evaluation and Feedback
- Policy 637: Faculty Tenure
- Policy 644: Department Chairs
- Policy 654: Faculty Merit Pay
- Policy 704: Minors on Campus