

Attendance:	John Alvarez, Brian Becker, Peter Dean, Christy Jenkins, Chris Jurgenson, Nicole Spinks, Nora Gough-Davis, Lynn Byrd, Nina Baghai-Riding and Ben Yarbrough. New Senators: Jon Westfall, Shelly Collins, Severine Groh, Michael Emerson, Chris Jurgenson, Liandong Yang
1. Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order by the President at 3:30
2. Announcements:	None

Agenda Item	Comments / Discussion	Motions	Action
3. Approval of Minutes	1. Motion to approve:	Motion: NS Second: CJ	Approved Unanimous
4. President's Report	1. Campus Updates 2. Academic Council Updates 3. NGD shared that Dr. Griffin would like feedback on how faculty are evaluated and T&P revision feedback.		
5. University Entities	1. No report.		
6. Faculty Senate Committees	1. Committee on University Services (VP): No Report 2. Committee on University Standing (JA): No report 3. Committee on Elections (BB): No report 4. Committee on Technology (BY): BY meeting with OIT next week 5. Committee on General Academic Affairs (CJ): Update from the Tenure and Promotion Committee work: T&P is still in the revision process. The goal is to make the process clearer and remove ambiguity. The goal is to have a review at the 2 year and 4 year mark in the process, so that by the time the 6 th year submission time is here, faculty should clearly know if they are receiving tenure. The T&P Handbook will be revised, as well, to reflect changes. Dr. Griffin wants to run the changes through FS for feedback/revisions; it will then go back to the committee for edits before going to AC.		
7. Discussion Topics	1. Introduction of new Faculty Senators: 2. Since, the constitution and bylaws are in the process of being revised and faculty at large (2/3) have not voted to approve the changes, discussion began about the validity of the elections. Since the discussion was being brought about out of order, the meeting was adjourned, so the second could begin and discussion could continue.	Motion:	
8. Adjournment	1. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.	Motion:	Approved

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Second Meeting:

Agenda Item	Comments / Discussion	Motions	Action
1. President's Report	1. Welcome, meeting called to order at 4:15	Motion: CJ Second: JA	Unanimous
2. University Entities	2. Report from Library: Fawn Ussery: Press upon faculty the importance of completing the brief survey that will be sent in the next few days to assess the databases you use or want and that students use. Many state funded databases are being removed or are undergoing changes, such as Magnolia. There are certain "key" words that are no longer able to be used to conduct searches. Faculty feedback is extremely important.		
3. Faculty Senate Committees	3. Committee on University Services (VP): No Report 4. Committee on University Standing (JA): No Report 5. Committee on Elections (BB): Points of discussion arising from election results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitution cannot be changed without 2/3 approval from faculty-at large Constitutional and bylaw revisions are up for second reading; once approved by FS, then, revisions would be sent to faculty at large for approval. One of the revisions changes the number of senators representing the new restructuring of the university, colleges and schools. Under the revisions, senate representation would be based on faculty in increments of 8 rather than 14 (1-8 faculty: 1 senator, 9-16: 2 senators, and so forth). Elections were held based on the restructuring and revisions. However, revisions are only in the second reading and have not been approved by faculty at large with 2/3 vote of approval. Therefore, the elections should have been held based on 2024 structuring of the colleges. BB reviewed the 2024 structuring with FS and the number of senator seats available based on that model. Elections deemed to be invalid: Math & Science would only have one seat not 2; currently, 2 (SG and CJ) were 		

	<p>elected for the 2025 term. Library is invalid; they have one seat. PD represents Library as president, invalidating the election of ME. Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences need one more senator; Justin Krueger had the next highest votes, if he accepts the seat. If not, an election needs to be held. When NGD, Nursing, assumed role of president in 2024, her proxy, CJ, began attending. Nursing does needs a second senator elected for the 2025 term. CJ does not want to continue, a special election will need to be held.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The constitution cannot be amended until the next year. New senate will need to read over proposed revisions. Once the second reading is approved, revisions will be sent to faculty at large for approval; must have 2/3 vote of approval to exact the revisions. Discussion of whether to use paper or electronic ballots. Senators would be responsible for collecting ballots from their school's faculty. Discussion ensued over the need for a parliamentarian. <p>6. Committee on Technology (BY): See above</p> <p>7. Committee on General Academic Affairs ():</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In lieu of special elections being held for Math & Sciences, PD appointed CJ to continue serving on the T&P committee. 		
4. Discussion Topics	<p>A. Second reading Faculty Senate Bylaws Tabled until May 8</p> <p>B. Second reading Faculty Senate Constitution Tabled until May 8</p> <p>C. Elect Faculty Senate Committee chairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to hold special elections for the following: Nursing (1 senator seat available) (Christy Jenkins does not want to be senator and her seat was invalid); Math & Science (1 senator seat available); Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences (1 senator seat available, unless Justin Krueger accepts the seat) Motion to call a special meeting for May 1, 3:30 to elect Faculty Senate Committee Chairs. Motion to delay election of Faculty Senate Committee Chairs until May 1, 3:30 Motion for senators to collect proposed names for the Parliamentarian position or invite those interested in the position to the May 1 special meeting. Motion to elect a Parliamentarian at May 1 special meeting 	<p>Motion JW Second NS</p> <p>Motion JW Second NS Motion JW Second CJ Motion JW</p>	<p>Approved: Unanimous</p> <p>Unanimous</p> <p>Unanimous</p> <p>Abstention JA</p>



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5. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 5:02.	Motion: CJ Second: BY	

Next meetings

Executive Committee Meeting: Union Faculty Lounge, May 1, 2025
General Faculty Senate Meeting: Jacob Conference Center, May 8, 2025