

Approved by the Senate at the 9/5/2023 Regular Senate Meeting

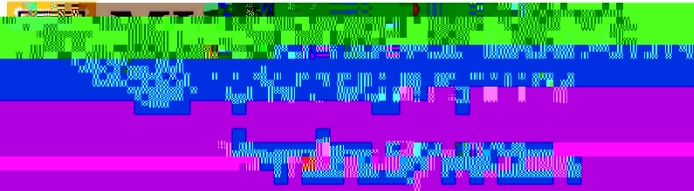
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Barkley Room and via Zoom

Senator in Attendance (including outgoing senators): Oliver Beckers, Michael Bordieri, Brian Bourke, Megan Boutin, Michael Busby, Whitney Cassidy-Caywood, Paul Foote, Stephanie Ford, Nikki Gaylord, Eran Guse, Jeff Henry, Ray Horton, Amanda Joyce, Samer Khalil, Kenneth Kim, Jonathan Lyon, Naveen Musunuru, Heidi Ortega, Barbie Papjeski, David Pizzo, Ted Porter, Ben Post, Thomas Powell, Brenda Reeves, David Roach, Jenny Rogers, Faris Sahawneh, Shri Singh, Stephanie Sullivan, Jan Super, Ken Sutrick, Justin Taylor, Oluwabunmi Dada (proxy for David Wilbanks), Steve Cox (proxy for Jenilee Williams), Andrea Willson, and Abdual Yarali.

- I. Call to Order at 3:07 due to technical challenges with Zoom
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - Minutes from the 4/4/2023 regular meeting were approved.
- III. Welcome from Faculty Senate President – Dr. David Roach.
  - President Roach open the meeting with a two-minute parody [video](#) highlighting the scandal of him appearing to be “asleep at the wheel” in TV news footage of the April University budget town hall. References to the Matrix movies were also made, which long-time faculty senators recognized as connecting to a previous [video](#) starring Senator Roach.
- IV. Distinguished Guests
  - Faculty Regent-Dr. Melony Shemberger
    - o Regent Shemberger wished everyone a happy teacher appreciation day. She also thanked all outgoing senators and extended a welcome to new senators. Regent Shemberger indicated that she had no new updates beyond what has been shared via email and that the next board of regents meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Senator Powel asked a question about the new student experience fee and its relation to the new esports program. Regent Shemberger indicated that the esports program has already been approved by the board and information is publicly available. Senator Powel indicated that the proposed \$1.1 million budget seemed high and that he has heard faculty and student concerns.
- V. Faculty Senate Mission and Governance Structure
  - Senate president Roach presented an overview of the faculty senate mission and governance structure (see powerpoint slides posted on canvas). He noted a recent policy success regarding how COLA is distributed that was initiated by the faculty senate. He shared governance organizational map was shared with the senate.



unanimous consent to send the survey results to the full faculty and administrators. Senator Pizzo seconded. The floor motion passed with 17 yes votes , zero no votes and an indeterminate number of abstentions. Technical problems interfered with the full counting of votes from Senators attending via Zoom, but no objection or concern was noted regarding the announced result.

- b. Executive Summary of the 2022 Faculty Engagement Survey. The report is available on Canvas.

Governmental Affairs – Secretary of the Senate, Michael Bordieri

- a. Senator Bordieri provided a summary of the national political climate regarding higher education and indicated that we should be prepared to engaged in increased advocacy during the next legislative session. Senator Bordieri also stated that we had good relationships with our local lawmakers, and that we also want to strengthen those relationships during the upcoming year.

Handbook and Personnel – Senator Ben Post

- a. Senator Post provided an overview of the handbook and personnel subcommittee. He noted that they are currently working on finalizing minor formatting changes to bring to the board of regents over the summer. The plan for fall includes coordinating with the academic policies subcommittee regarding the clinical faculty promotion policy, revisiting the open access policy discussed during the previous Senate term, and exploring other areas of policy revision. Senator Yarali stated that he has some concerns about the way we promote and give tenure, and he asked which committee would be best to address his concerns. President Roach indicated that all committees are open to take on any topic that interests them, but that the academic policy and handbook and personnel subcommittees seem most appropriate. Senator Foote asked how long would it take for a clinical faculty promotion policy to be implemented. Senator Post indicated that it could be moved forward to the full senate early in the next academic year, with a possible goal of going to the board of regents by June of 2024 (though that date is not fix0000912 0-a9( )JTJETQ TJETQ4ETQ0.00000912 0 62 792 re



