

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee**  
**Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 1:00 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

Present: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon (Pres., TFMA), Lisa Ferretti (V. President, SSW),

Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-Pres., Law), Shohreh Amini (CST), Cheri Carter (SSW), Maia Cucchiara (CEHD), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Dale Haines (LKSM), Robin Kolodny (CLA), Barry McCarthy (Law), Vallorie Peridier (Engr), Rick Ridall (STHM), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Ryan Tierney (CPH), Cheryl Mack (Coord.) TBN (KSoD)

Absent: Ashley Stewart (Secy., SSW), Quaiser Abdullah (KMC), Sharyn O'Mara (TYL), Shinya B. Watanabe (TUJ)

1. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

2. Discussion of Faculty Senate By-laws Revision:

The committee spent most of the meeting on rigorous discussion of revisions to the bylaws. After review and suggestions for changes, there was a motion to approve the changes.

Motion to approve, seconded and unanimously approved with 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

3. Vice President's Report, Lisa Ferretti:

There was one candidate, Matt Tincani (CEHD) to consider for the Faculty Senate Personnel Committee however, since his materials were not included in today's packet, it was tabled until the next meeting.

Faculty Herald Advisory Board review of committee charge and position description for the editor of the Faculty Herald:

There was lengthy discussion of the committee's charge including some changes to the language and possibly change to the name of the committee to include 'Editorial' rather than 'Advisory'.

The VP noted that the Advisory Board Committee will also put together a publication for the fall semester.

Position Description (PD) for the Faculty Herald Editor:

Among discussion for revisions, it was suggested that course release be removed from the PD as the FSSC has no control over that aspect and cannot guarantee it.

Motion to approve PD with amendments, seconded, and approved unanimously. The FHAB charge was not approved(?).

Ferretti will take the suggestions back to the FHAB for review.

4. President's Report – Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon:

Item 1: There has been a request for the FSSC to approve and issue language in support of the repeal(repeal?) of the China Initiative. Should the FSSC take up this issue as a body?

Also, a question of whether Professor Xi should be invited to speak with the FSSC about this. Email KWW with the direction that you would like to proceed on this. In the meantime, the issue will be tabled until the next meeting.

Item 2: Professor Wargo (CLA), wants FSSC to support the position for the university to divest from fossil fuels. Let me know how you would like to proceed?

At time, so no call for old business or new business.

5. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Submitted by

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