

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 1:00 pm
Conference Room 3B, Conwell Hall

Minutes

Present: Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Robin Kolodny (Secretary), Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-President, Law) Renee Fennell (KSoD), Lisa Ferretti (SSW), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Dale Haines (LKSM), Di Liu (CEHD), Lu Lu (STHM), Barry McCarthy (Law), Stan McDonald (CLA, Fac. Herald), Sabrina Minhas (TSPM), Jason Norris (TFMA) Sharyn O'Mara (TYL), Deborah Racano (KMC), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD)

Absent Excused: Ron Carr (TUI)

Absent: Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Ryan Tierney (CPH)

Admin: Cheryl Mack (absent)

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 1:12 p.m.

2. Guests: Dan Berman, V. Provost for Undergraduate Education and Jodi Bailey, V. President for Student Affairs

Our guests made a presentation about their efforts regarding student retention. They discussed their use of predictive data analytics and the creation of student support services both academic and social.

EAB Navigate system is coming on board to allow for easier faculty input on student progress. This will be in addition to the existing advising flags and midterm progress reports.

There was extensive discussion about how faculty can communicate with a student's advisor and how faculty can be encouraged or compensated for effective student mentoring.

Discussions in central administration about the best way to deliver Gen Ed courses are ongoing. As time became short, they agreed to come to our online Representative Faculty Senate meeting on March 19th.

Dan Berman departed at 2:11 p.m.

3. Approval of Minutes: February 4, 2025

The minutes were not approved (not in my notes).

4. President's Report: Shohreh Amini

President Amini left to join a Board of Trustees meeting. The Vice President ran the remainder of the meeting.

5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno

The February 24th Representative Faculty Senate Meeting will be a faculty led forum on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in college teaching and student work. The guests will be announced to the faculty list serv.

The FSSC voted unanimously to approve committee candidate: - Laurie Wu, (STHM) to serve on the Faculty Senate Status of Women Committee.

The Vice President reviewed remaining committee vacancies.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Rafael Porrata-Doria reported that the nominating committee came up with a slate of officers for next year. They are:

President: Shohreh Amini, CST

Vice President: Mike Bognanno, CLA

Secretary: Robin Kolodny, CLA

8. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Representative Faculty Senate, Monday, February 24, 2025 – 1:45pm,

Classroom 310, 1810 Liacouras Walk

FSSC, Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – 6:00pm, via zoom