



Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
8 March 2023
2pm, Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music

Present: Daniel Tirone (Vice-President), Meredith Veldman (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Parampreet Singh (Member-at-Large), Kevin Ringelman (Member-at-Large),

Absent: Inessa Bazayev (President), Mandi Lopez (Past President)

Called to order by Tirone at 2:00

Public Comments: Eric Borowski, graduate student from Physics and Astronomy, offered comment on New Business: Campus Building Conditions.

- This week in Nicholson: Room 260—concrete fell thru ceiling tile to floor. Very dangerous situation in entire suite of offices.
- Ongoing problems in Nicholson include copious amounts of black, sticky particulate matter emanating from vents, constant flickering lights causing headaches, moldy ceiling tiles, flooding, no a/c on entire first floor for over a month. All unaddressed despite numerous work orders.
- Nicholson inaccessible for disabled. Problem compounded when the only elevator in the building failed—unaddressed for over a week.
- Striking apathy among Facility Services and upper admin about impact of these conditions on research and learning.

FSEC Minutes Approval from 1 March 2023—Ringelman moved to accept with modifications. Passed unanimously.

President's Updates: Tirone.

- Death of faculty member in Science, Tirone reached out to AA to make sure PS-63 was implemented
- Bazayev met with Title IX office RE plans for campus safety workshops
- Bazayev has invited Craig Wooley and Steve Beck to FSEC (April 5) to explain IT Governance Council's proposed system-wide policy changes
- Bazayev appointed Robbie Hogan to represent faculty at course delivery system meeting-- in response to late- Sunday request from Jackie Bach
- Bazayev, Tirone, and representatives from AA and HR conducted Zoom interviews with candidates for FS administrator
- Ravi Rau accepted invitation for Faculty Council Committee, Maria Bampasadou declined
- Nominations Committee: Tirone for VP, Bazayev for Pres, Singh for Sec'y, plus for four at-large candidates: Ringelman, Kazuschyk, James Madden, Scott Baldrige
- Bazayev spoke with External Relations about UL Academic Freedom summit; ER will appoint faculty rep

Unfinished Business

- Committee on Committees (Faculty Senate Staffing Committee): possible members— Louay Mohammed, Sue Marchand, Julia Ledet, Prosantha Chakrabarty, Jim Ottea, Sabrina Taylor.
- Faculty Council Meeting Committee: Veldman and Rau confirmed; will reach out to Brett Wolfe (Ag)

Veldman moved to suspend agenda and move to New Business until OAER committee reps show up. Tirone amended motion to move to Res 23-02. Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Resolution 23-02. In wake of concerns expressed at Feb Faculty Senate meeting, agreed to do the following before or at the March FS meeting:
 - add appendix with suggested syllabus language;
 - point out that if students go to the BoS, the Board may prescribe a policy that leaves instructors very little wiggle room;
 - invite a Student Govt rep to speak;
 - remind senators that they can amend resolutions—change language in first Resolved to recommendation rather than requirement.
- March FS Meeting Agenda: Ringelman moved to approve as a draft, with Bazayev empowered to modify as needed. Passed unanimously.
- Faculty Solidarity Across States: Singh moved that FSEC declare that it stands in support of academic freedom and in solidarity with our colleagues in Florida and other institutions under threat. Passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Request from Open/Affordable Educational Resources Committee: Theda Daniels-Race (EE), David Dunaway (Library), Alice Santiago (Registrar's Office), Sherri Johnson (History).
 - OER and AER Course Labeling Mandate
 - 2019: Act 125/SB117 requiring transparency in textbook pricing for students and creating an incentive model for wide scale adoption of low-cost materials
 - To be labeled OER, all course materials have to be no cost and open access (in public domain or creative commons domain)
 - To be labeled AER, cost of all course materials not to exceed \$29 (4 x minimum wage). Includes library e-books: free to students but not open access
 - OER/AER codes loaded by dept schedulers. Faculty or dept schedulers can update thru online form on Registrar's website. Important that the OER/AER codes be loaded pre-scheduling.
 - Fall 2023: 101/6340 listed as OER or AER
 - Need to communicate to both faculty and students
 - Presentation in Faculty Senate
 - Put in FSEC broadcast email
 - Veldman moved to reconsider the FS March agenda. Passed unanimously. Singh moved to substitute O/AER presentation in place of the Student Accountability presentation for the March FS meeting. Passed unanimously.

New Business postponed til next meeting

- DEI Committee
- Staff Senate Concerns
- Campus Building Conditions
- Updates from Policy Committee
- April Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

Adjournment: 3:32 pm.