

Faculty Senate Minutes

9/9/2024

3-4 p.m.

Mill 201

Senators in attendance: S. Risser, S. Rosenthal, D. Autenrieth, B. Hill, C. Young, G. Southergill, D. Reichhardt, L. Granger, L. Buckley, J. Herndon, M. Egloff, B. Pramanik, A. Mitra, J. Kirtley, S. Juskiewicz

- I. The meeting was called to order and minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed without discussion.

- II. Several announcements were made, including:
 - a. Invites to participate in the Chancellor search have been sent out to Outlook calendars.
 - b. Faculty members who were promoted or received tenure were announced. Those faculty members are as follows:
 - i. Dawn Atkinson
 - ii. Charie Faught
 - iii. Nathan Huft
 - iv. Atish Mitra
 - v. Erika Asano
 - vi. Robert Chamblin
 - vii. Rick LaDouceur
 - c. New faculty members were introduced.

Action Items

- III. The latest CRC recommendations were discussed, including:
 - a. Create BIOB 591 Phage Bioinformatics

A motion was made to approve the CRC recommendations. That motion was seconded and passed without further discussion.

Informational Items

- IV. An update on the Research Faculty and Staff Policy and Procedures was provided.

- V. Information from Access and Disability Services was not discussed. This item will be moved to a later meeting.

Discussion Items

- VI. Academic Calendar proposals for the 25/26 and 26/27 academic years were discussed. A motion was made to start fall terms no earlier than the week prior to Labor Day, and to end spring terms no later than the first week of May. The motion was not seconded. A motion was made to accept the proposal as presented for the 25/26 AY., with the first option for spring 2026 (running 1/12 to 5/8). That motion was seconded and passed without further discussion. A motion was made to allow for a full week off during Thanksgiving in fall 26 and 27. That motion was not seconded. A motion was made to accept the proposal as presented for the 26/27 AY. That motion was seconded and passed without further discussion.

- VII. A course load proposal was discussed.
- VIII. A proposal for Research Faculty Policy revision was discussed.
- IX. For the Good of the Order – Senators were asked to watch for invites to participate on committees.
- X. The meeting adjourned at 3:52PM