

Faculty Senate Minutes
May 3, 2024, 3:00-5:00 PM
Location: Egan Library 211
And via Zoom

Glenn Wright, President		Charmaine Lewis, Natural Sciences	x
Jennifer Ward, Past President	x	Melissa Dolese, Social Sciences	x
Brian Blitz, President-Elect	x	K. Henrickson for J. Lamb, Library	x
Mike Boyer, Business	x	X'unei Lance Twitchell, Juneau	x
Neil Voelckers, Career Ed	x	Angie Bowers, Sitka	x
Beth Hartley, Education	x	Kasia Polanska, Ketchikan	x
Andrea Dewees, Humanities	x	Maren Haavig, Provost	x

Recorder: A. Parrish

Guests: P. Schirmer

- I. **Call to order** – (TC 2:15) B. Blitz called the meeting to order in the absence of G. Wright.
- II. **Roll call** – (TC 2:25)
- III. **Approval of agenda** – (TC 3:40) *K. Henrickson moved to approve the agenda. C. Lewis seconded. The agenda was approved with no objections.*
- IV. **Approval of [April minutes](#)** – (TC 4:10) *N. Voelckers moved to approve the prior meeting minutes. A. Bowers seconded. The minutes were approved without objection.*
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **[UGCC report](#) including Category A proposals**

(TC 05:05) – P. Schirmer reviewed the following eight Category A Proposals for Final Senate Review today.

- **Alaska Native Studies, Minor.** Removal of ENGL S365 since the course has shifted out of Alaska Native studies for more inclusivity of all Native Studies. (Szczepanski)
- **Designated Emphasis, B.L.A.** Removal of ENGL S365 from the Alaska Native Language and Studies electives. (Wall)
- **Environmental Resources, B.S.** Updated Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs). (Maier)
- **Environmental Science, B.S.** Updated PLOs. (Maier)
- **Environmental Studies, B.A.** Updated PLOs. (Maier)
- **Interdisciplinary Studies, B.L.A.** Updated upper division electives. (Dewees)

- **OCEN S101. Country Gone to Town: The Urban-Rural Divide in North America.** Outer Coast. (Szczepanski).
- **OCUN S100. Introduction to College: Skills Building and Educational Values.** Outer Coast. (Wall)

The following Category B proposal was reviewed as an informational item.

- **ENGL S370. Indigenous Literatures.** Updated for inclusivity. (Wall)

The following Category C proposal was reviewed as an informational item.

- **Elementary Education, B.A.** Removal of Praxis exam for graduation requirement. (Lofthus)

After discussion, *M. Boyer moved to approve the eight Category A proposals for final Faculty Senate review. K. Polanska seconded. The eight proposals passed with no objections.*

B. Summer term scheduling change [proposal](#) and [summer schedule FAQ](#).

(TC 10:45) – B. Blitz introduced G. Wright’s compromise proposal for changing the schedule of the summer term. L. Twitchell noted that a survey regarding changing the summer schedule was sent to all full time faculty members; however, there may not have been adequate time to review and respond. M. Haavig noted that the FAQ document was prepared to address questions that had come up. The potential that the FAQ document may also have not been available in time to be reviewed adequately by faculty was also discussed. Senators discussed how best to proceed. After discussion, *M. Boyer moved to table the proposal and create an Ad Hoc committee in the fall to further explore possible solutions. N. Voelckers seconded. The motion passed without objection.* Whether a solution can be found and enacted in time for the Summer 2025 semester is unknown.

VI. New Business

A. [Registration Proposal from the Registrar](#)

a. [Faculty registration override instructions](#)

(TC 32:42) – B. Blitz reviewed the proposal and the related instructions. This process change was discussed at Provost Council with G. Wright in attendance. It is expected to streamline paperwork and be helpful for short-term classes. The Registrar is planning to implement this in the fall term. *A. Dewees moved to endorse the proposal. M. Dolese seconded. The motion passed with no objections.*

B. Academic Affairs Committee [proposal](#)

(TC 36:45) – M. Haavig gave background on how this committee would be helpful to the provost. Senators reviewed and discussed the proposal, and asked further questions about how it might work. Other ways to address the needs without creating an additional committee were discussed. No action was taken on the proposal.

C. Senators for next year:

(TC 56:25) – B. Blitz will serve as President, G. Wright will be Past-President, and it is likely, though not confirmed, that A. Ziegler will be elected as President-Elect.

Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Juneau campus have not yet identified their representatives. M. Boyer, K. Polanska, and C. Lewis will return as senators next year. R. Gilcrist will represent Career Education. L. Richardson will represent Education. J. Ward will represent Egan Library. J. Markis will represent the Sitka Campus.

VII. President's Report – (None) – (TC 58:28)

VIII. Provost's Report

A. Faculty Excellence Awards: May 6, 2024 3:00 - 4:30 PM GVR or Zoom

B. [Indirect Cost Recovery](#) “one-pager”

C. *EAB Workgroup*: Marnie Chapman and Rebecka Deroos will both serve on the EAB Work Group.

D. *Equity in Retention (part of our work with the Gardner Institute)*: Jay Szczepanski, Julie Schram, and Andrea Dewees will participate in this fall academy.

(TC 58:45) – Please join us Monday afternoon to celebrate this year's Faculty Excellence Award winners. Promotions and sabbaticals will also be announced.

Please see the one page document prepared by K. Jensen that explains what Indirect Costs are and how they are accounted for during the duration of grants. Please share this information with your units.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Research and Creative Activity Committee Report

(TC 1:01:30) – C. Lewis reported that it would be helpful to have faculty representatives from Social Sciences, Humanities, Career Education, and Business and Public Administration. Current faculty members come from Natural Sciences, Library, and Education. The committee reviews proposals from a variety of students for grants.

B. [Faculty Alliance Report](#)

(TC 1:03:35) – J. Ward reviewed her written report noting that the Board of Regents recently held a special meeting on recruitment, retention, and graduation. The plan to hire a consultant to assist with these areas.

The report contains a link to a presentation on the system's three year financial outlook.

There was an emergency meeting today regarding reaching a tentative agreement with the graduate student union.

The Thought Leaders Forum was held in March. Another is planned for Spring of 2025.

The final meeting of Faculty Alliance will be next Friday. Senators expressed appreciation to J. Ward for her leadership this last year.

X. Adjournment – (TC 1:08:03) *M. Boyer moved to adjourn the meeting. B. Hartley seconded. The meeting adjourned without objection.*