

MINUTES

The Faculty Senate met on Thursday January 16, 2025, in French Admin Graduate Studies Conference room 324F and via Zoom. Fifty-four (54) senators were present, four (4) vacancies with thirty-four (34) absent, and seventeen (17) non-voting members. The meeting was called to order by Tracy Klein, Senate at 3:55 pm.

Guest Presentation (30 minutes): WSU Access Center Update – Dr. Matthew Jeffries, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Campus Climate and Community Building – [Access Center Update Presentation](#)

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approval of minutes from December 5, 2024, faculty senate meeting ([PDF](#))

Approved by unanimous consent

- III. Additions or changes to the agenda

None

- IV. Announcements

- A. Legislative affairs – **Session started Monday 1/13/25. Revenue forecast unfavorable. Some revenue increases and budget cuts have been proposed. Sessions will continue through April. Reported/lobbied that full funding for compensation has been requested.**

- B. Reports

1. Remarks by Faculty Senate Chair

Primarily been working on policies surrounding the vaccination policy. Great progress on all campuses on this front. Reporting to BoR 1/24/25.

2. Remarks by Faculty Senate Executive Team

1. **E. Shelden**, Immediate Past Chair

2. **K. Roberts**, Chair Elect

- a. **Committee openings and updates (COC)**
- b. **Workgroups on International Affairs and Compensation committees continue work on setting up the committees, more to follow soon.**
- c. **Initial Academic Affairs Optimization Process workgroup meeting held 1/16/25. Four (4) sub-**



committees will be formed (Instruction, Research, Outreach, and Service)

3. **M. Hudelson**, Executive Secretary
 - a. **Upcoming Faculty Senate Executive elections – Chair-elect position is open and accepting nominations.**

V. Information Items

1. (Item #2024.10.03_473_CRP) Minor Change Bulletin No. 2 (Exhibit [473A](#)) – Item number correction only, information item originally presented on 10.17.24
2. (Item#2025.01.16_480_GSC) Suspension of Bioethics Certificate (Exhibits [480A](#), [480B](#))
3. (Item #2025.01.16_481_CRP) Minor Change Bulletin No. 4 (Exhibit [481A](#))
4. (Item #2024.10.31_449_CRP) Undergraduate Bulletin No. 3, Courses (Exhibit [449A](#)) – Updated bulletin to include Canvas syllabus links
5. (Item#2024.10.31_450_CRP) Graduate Major Change Bulletin No. 3, Courses (Exhibit [450A](#)) – Updated bulletin to include Canvas syllabus links

VI. Agenda Items

A. Action Items

1. (Item #2024.12.5_460_AAC) Undergraduate Bulletin No. 4, Requirements (Exhibit [460A](#))
Motion passed; Approved 50; 0 Reject
2. (Item #2024.12.5_463_CRP) Graduate Major Change Bulletin No. 4, Courses (Exhibit [463A](#))
Motion passed; Approved 52; 0 Reject
3. (Item #2024.12.5_464_CRP) Undergraduate and Professional Major Change Bulletin No. 4, Courses (Exhibit [464A](#))
Motion passed; Approved 53; 0 Reject
4. (Item #2024.12.5_465_CoC) Recommended approval of the faculty senate committee appointments for vacancy on the Graduate Studies Committee (Exhibit [465A](#))
Motion passed; Approved 52; 0 Reject



5. (Item #2024.12.5_458_Steering) Proposed amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws, Article III, Section 4C (Steering Committee), paragraphs 2 and 3. (Exhibit [458A](#))

Motion passed; Approved 52; 0 Reject

B. Discussion Items

1. (Item #2024.12.12_466_Steering) Proposal to create a Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies degree (Exhibits [466A](#), [466B](#), [466C](#), [466D](#))

No discussion, move to action item 1/30/25

2. (Item #2024.12.12_467_PHSC) Proposal to revise College of Medicine Future Academic Calendar dates 2024-2028 (Exhibits [467A](#), [467B](#), [467C](#))

No discussion, move to action item 1/30/25

3. (Item #2025.1.16_470_CoC) Recommended approval of the faculty senate committee appointments for vacancy on the Graduate Studies Committee (Exhibit [470A](#))

No discussion, move to action item 1/30/25

4. (Item #2024.12.20_471_CRP) Undergraduate and Professional Major Change Bulletin No. 5, Courses (Exhibit [471A](#))

No discussion, move to action item 1/30/25

5. (Item #2024.12.20_472_CRP) UCORE Renewals and Changes approved by the UCORE Committee Bulletin No. 3 (Exhibit [472A](#))

No discussion, move to action item 1/30/25

6. (Item #2025.01.16_474_Steering) Proposal for new EPPM 31 Policy – Determination of Student Location (Exhibit [474A](#))

No discussion, move to action item 1/30/25

7. (Item #2025.01.16_478_CoC) Recommended approval of the faculty senate committee appointments for vacancy on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) and the Library Committee (Exhibit [478A](#))

No discussion, move to action item 1/30/25

8. (Item #2025.01.16_479_GSC) Recommended approval of a policy for a new 4+1 policy request Certificate (Exhibits [479A](#), [479B](#))

Requested additional information pertaining to cross-listed or conjoint courses to be incorporated. Document updated, move to action item 1/30/25



9. (Item #2025.01.16_482_AAC) Undergraduate and Professional Major Change Bulletin No. 5, Requirements (Exhibit [482A](#))
No discussion, move to action item 1/30/25

VII. Constituent Concerns:

J. Miller – Applaud intention around Workload Task Force; staff in area asking about a staff workload review. Suggested having staff contact APAC for assistance/support.

VIII. Adjournment: **4:31 pm**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew G. Hudelson'.

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