Minutes for Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate
May 6, 2021 Meeting

Call to Order
Approval of Minutes
Report of the Executive Committee
Remarks by the Chancellor
Standing Committee Reports
Ad Hoc Committee Reports
Old Business
New Business
Scheduled Speaker
Good of the Senate
Adjournment

Attendees


**Voting Members Absent:** Victor Anderson, Brian Bachman, Leon Bellan, Brett Byram, Frank Candelaria, Elsa Filosa, Leonard Folgarait, Cindy Kam, Tracy Sharpless-Whiting, and Greg Walker.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Jeffrey Balser, Doug Christiansen, Nathan Green, Laura Nairon, and Jennifer Pietenpol.

Guests in Attendance: Karen Bloch, Jessica Brotherson, Eric Bymaster, Andrea Capizzi, Bruce Evans, Alissa Hare, Queen Henry-Okafor, Angelica Hooten, Christine Konradi, Angela Land-Dedrick, Tiffany Lawrence Givens, Chalene Helmuth, Rene Marois, Terry Maroney, Cathy Maxwell, Stacey McCarty, Melanie Moran, Ian Morrison, Vito Quaranta, Bethany Rhoten, Chris Serkin, John Wikswo, Sheree Wright, and Alice Zingman.

Call to Order
A meeting of Vanderbilt Faculty Senate was held on May 6, 2021, on Zoom. It began at 4:10pm and was presided over by Chair Catherine McTamaney, with Vice Chair Ben Harris as secretary.

Quorum as specified in the Faculty Senate Constitution (revised 4/5/2019) Article II.B.1. was met with the recorded attendance at 4:10 pm of 31 voting members of the Faculty Senate.

Approval of Minutes
Chair McTamaney motioned for approval of the minutes as circulated of the April 8, 2021 meeting. Chair McTamaney asked whether there were any amendments to the distributed minutes. No corrections were made.

Vice Chair Harris confirmed that the minutes stood approved (34 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained).

Chair McTamaney proceeded to the next item of business.

Chair McTamaney suspended The Rules of Order to allow Bruce Evans to speak. Chair McTamaney turned the floor over to Bruce Evans.

Guest remarks
Floor turned to Bruce Evans, Chairman, Board of Trust:

- Expressed thanks to the faculty over the course of the pandemic. The board appreciates the good work that faculty have done with the stress in this particularly stressful time and offers a resolution as a formal expression of the boards’ gratitude.

- In the board meeting last week, the Board of Trust passed a resolution reading:
Resolution

BY THE BOARD OF TRUST OF
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
in appreciation of
VANDERBILT FACULTY

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt faculty members have made significant contributions during an unprecedented year within the university's history;

WHEREAS, they have shown immense resilience during this uncertain time—from innovation in adaptive teaching, to embracing new technology, to providing essential in-person instruction in the classroom;

WHEREAS, they have served as lifechanging mentors for their students at a time when such guidance is uniquely crucial;

WHEREAS, they have advanced their scholarship, research, creativity and community engagement in addition to their teaching duties;

WHEREAS, they have continued to collaborate and advance discourse around a myriad of topics, pursuing ideas and discoveries that improve lives and instill hope in our society;

WHEREAS, they have propelled scientific progress at a critical moment for public health, by sharing expertise, developing treatments and testing vaccines for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, they have come together in the spirit of One Vanderbilt to advance the university's mission and serve as a model of unified purpose and sacrifice that is unique in higher education.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trust expresses its deepest and most sincere gratitude to each and every member of Vanderbilt's faculty for their extraordinary efforts, adaptation and commitment during a year that has defined and advanced our ability to persevere.

Adopted by the Board of Trust on the thirtieth of April, 2021.

Bruce R. Evans
Chairman

Adolpho A. Birch III
Secretary

Chair McTamaney and Vice Chair Harris expressed thanks to Bruce Evans and the Board of Trust.

Chair McTamaney proceeded to the next item of business.

Report of the Executive Committee

Chair McTamaney shared that she distributed an email earlier in the day with the report of the executive committee which included standing committee year-end reports and details of the executive committee since the last senate meeting.
A Senate Motions chart was displayed showing the status of all motions and resolutions presented during the senate year.

Chair McTamaney turned the floor over to Secretary Harris to present a resolution honoring staff.

Secretary Harris presented a resolution thanking Vanderbilt Staff and presented to USAC President, Tiffany Lawrence Givens.

A Vanderbilt Faculty Senate Resolution Honoring Staff

WHEREAS the Staff of Vanderbilt University have faced the challenges of the last years with extraordinary courage and resolve, and

WHEREAS Staff have maintained missional integrity despite employment uncertainty and fiscal restrictions, and

Provided support services deemed essential in storms and in plagues, and have

Repeatedly sacrificed nights and weekends, often with no end in sight, and have exhibited grace in the face of relentless pressure from faculty, students, parents, and administration, and

WHEREAS Staff have matched seemingly impossible demands with ingenious solutions and a refusal to capitulate, and

WHEREAS Staff have shown professional poise in the midst of radical impacts to their homes, including new demands as parents, caregivers, spouses and partners, and

WHEREAS Staff have nonetheless prioritized the collective good over individual needs,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate honors its staff colleagues and extends profound gratitude to these esteemed and invaluable partners.

Catherine McTamaney, Chair

Ben Harris, Vice Chair

Tiffany Lawrence Givens expressed her thanks to the senate.

Chair Harris turned the floor over to Chair McTamaney.

Chair McTamaney asked if there were any objections. There were none. Chair McTamaney confirmed that the resolution was adopted by consent.
Thanks was expressed to third year and replacement senators, committee members, and ex-officio members for unwavering service during this year.

3rd Year and Replacement Senators:

Celia Applegate, A&S*
Carolyn Audet, Medicine
Daniel Barocas, Medicine
Lola Chambless, Medicine
Leena Choi, Medicine
Lourdes Estrada, Medicine
Elsa Filosa, A&S*
Ben Harris, Blair
Brian Heuser, Peabody*
James Hudnut-Beumler, Divinity
Cindy Kam, A&S
William Luis, A&S
Catherine McTamaney, Peabody College
Vicky Morgan, Medicine
Josh Murray, A&S*
Abby Parish, Nursing
Julia Phillippi, Nursing
Lynn Ramey, A&S
Florence Sanchez, Engineering
Tracy Sharpley-Whiting, A&S
Greg Walker, Engineering

Committee Members:

Queen Henry-Okafor, Nursing
Adriana Bialostozky, Medicine
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Divinity
Rolanda Lister, Medicine
LeTizia Smith, Nursing
Jonathan Waters, A&S
Scott Pearson, Medicine
Houra Merrikh, Medicine
Kelsey Hatzell, Engineering
Paul Miller, A&S
Alissa Hare, A&S
Tamika Hudson, Nursing
Stacy Sherrod, A&S
Claudine Taaffe, A&S
Lisa Thompson, Divinity
Chair McTamaney proceeded to the next item of business.

Chancellor Remarks

Chair McTamaney turned the floor over to Chancellor Diermeier.

Chancellor Diermeier remarks:

- Explained how wonderful it was to see how we were able to come together as a university this year. He thanked all members of the faculty senate for their governance as well as determination during this past year. He thanked faculty personally for having a constructive culture during this past year as well.
  
  o Gave special thanks to the executive committee, and especially Catherine (Chair) and Ben (Vice Chair) for their perseverance and constructiveness during the difficult conversations. He looks forward to working with Mark (Chair) and Ryan (Vice Chair).

- Last weekend, the 2020 Commencement was held.
  
  o This went extremely well; everyone could see how much it meant to parents and students. About 75% of students came back, and this provided a sense of closure and celebration of their time at Vanderbilt. This shows the most visible approach that Vanderbilt has taken, not shying away from what we dedicate ourselves to.

- Have 2021 commencement in two weeks.

- Welcomed our new provost, Cybele Raver.
  
  o Explained how she was the top candidate from the beginning among several impressive candidates. Extensive experience across the board and thank Vice Chair
Harris who served on the search committee. She is an enormously distinguished scholar in her field but also brings university-wide experience. She served in roles within the provost office at New York University, first as vice provost and then deputy provost roles for almost nine years, which oversees about one-third of the university. Also, has deep experience in grants with a portfolio during her tenure that grew from 100M to 500M. She will be joining Vanderbilt on July 1, 2021.

- Expressed thanks to Provost Susan Wente who leaves a lasting, proud legacy.

Chair McTamaney proceeded to the next item of business.

**Guest remarks**

Vice Chair Harris moved to suspend the rules of order and was seconded.

Chair McTamaney shared that there was a second resolution on consent, and on behalf of the full senate with shared unanimous co-sponsorship of each of the eight standing committees.

Chair McTamaney read the following resolution:
A Vanderbilt Faculty Senate Resolution Honoring Susan Wente

WHEREAS Susan R. Wente is concluding 19 years of exemplary leadership, tireless service, and immeasurable impact at Vanderbilt University and

WHEREAS she has demonstrated adept guidance, fluid decision making, and multipronged constituent engagement during unprecedented health, political and humanitarian crises and

WHEREAS her leadership has been marked by an open door and emphasis on presence and availability to her community as both colleague and leader and

WHEREAS Provost Wente has engaged faculty and staff in a thoughtful examination of ways that institutional policy, practice and culture challenge Vanderbilt’s commitment to gender equity through the WAVE Council and

WHEREAS Provost Wente has composed a diverse and outstanding administrative team to support students and faculty in achieving their learning, teaching, and research undertakings in the most successful and creative ways possible and

WHEREAS Provost Wente has leveraged and developed faculty and student opportunities for interdisciplinary and collaborative research and learning with initiatives such as the establishment of the University Arts Council and cohosting a town hall with the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine and

WHEREAS Provost Wente continued to challenge students to pursue innovative avenues of discovery and development beyond the classroom and beyond their primary areas of specialty,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate celebrates Susan Wente for her demonstrated dedication to the mission of our institution and her compassionate advocacy for students, faculty, and staff during seven years as provost, one year as interim chancellor, and many years as professor and department chair and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FACULTY SENATE OF VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY offers its most sincere thanks to Susan R. Wente for her earnest partnership, transparent leadership and unwavering commitment to the mission of Vanderbilt University and to our work as scholars, teachers and artists.

Catherine McTamaney, Chair
Ben Harris, Vice-Chair

Faculty Senate Standing Committee Members:
**Academic Policies and Services Committee**

Leena Choi, Co-Chair, Medicine (2021)
Noel Enyedy, Co-Chair, Peabody (2022)
Holly Algood, Medicine [Executive Committee Liaison]
Adam Anderson, Engineering (2022)
Elizabeth Catania, A&S (2023)
Doug Christianson [Ex-Officio Liaison]
Graham Hemingway, Engineering (2022)
Queen Henry-Okafor, Nursing
Dawn Iacobucci, Owen (2022)
Mario Crucini, A&S (2023)
Padma Raghavan [Ex-Officio Liaison]
Florence Sanchez, Engineering (2021)

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

Sari Acra, Co-Chair, Medicine (2022)
William Luis, Co-Chair, A&S (2021)
Victor Anderson, Divinity (2022)
Adriana Bialostozky, Medicine
Lourdes Estrada, Medicine (2021)
Franklin Ellis Jr. [Ex-Officio Liaison]
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Divinity
Ben Harris, Blair [Executive Committee Liaison] (2021)
Susie Leming-Lee, Nursing (2023) Christopher Lind, Medicine (2022)
Rolanda Lister, Medicine
William Robinson [Ex-Officio Liaison]
LeTizia Smith, Nursing
Jonathan Waters, A&S
Faculty Life Committee
Wonder Drake, Co-Chair, Medicine (2022)
Lynn Ramey, Co-Chair, A&S (2021)
Daniel Barocas, Medicine (2021)
Dietmar Bisch, A&S (2022)
Elsa Filosa, A&S (2021)
Tracey George [Ex-Officio Liaison]
Katherine Hartmann, Medicine (2023)
John McLean, A&S [Executive Committee Liaison]
Jami Miller, Medicine (2023)
Scott Pearson, Medicine

Faculty Manual Committee
Brian Fitzpatrick, Co-Chair, Law (2022)
Vicky Morgan, Co-Chair, Medicine (2021)
Brian Bachmann, A&S (2023)
Leon Bellan, Engineering (2023)
Brett Byram, Engineering (2023)
Katherine Friedman, A&S (2023)
Brian Heuser, Peabody (2021)
Mark Magnuson, Medicine [Executive Committee Liaison]
Houra Merrikh, Medicine
Jason Pollack, Medicine (2022)

Grievances Committee
Jim Hudnut-Beumler, Chair, Divinity (2021)
Carolyn Audet, Medicine (2021)
Lola Chambless, Medicine (2021)
Catherine McTamaney, Peabody [Executive Committee Liaison] (2021)
Berk Sensoy, Owen (2023)
Tracy Sharpley-Whiting, A&S (2021)
Yesha Yadav, Law (2023)
Eli Zimmerman, Medicine (2023)

**Senate Affairs Committee**
Debra Friedman, Chair, Medicine (2022)
Karen Bloch, Medicine (2023)
Leonard Folgarait, A&S (2022)
Eric Grogan, Medicine (2023)
Kelsey Hatzell, Engineering
Catherine McTamaney, Peabody [Executive Committee Liaison] (2021)
Robert Miller, Medicine (2023)
Julia Phillippi, Nursing (2021)
Marcy Singer-Gabella, Peabody (2023)

**Strategic Planning and Academic Freedom Committee**
James Booth, Peabody (2023)
Lutz Koepnick, A&S (2023)
David Lewis, A&S (2022)
Ryan Middagh, Blair [Executive Committee Liaison] (2022)
Paul Miller, A&S
Josh Murray, A&S (2022)
Courtney Pitts, Nursing (2022)

**Student Life Committee**
Alissa Hare, Co-Chair, A&S
Abby Parish, Co-Chair, Nursing (2021)
Chair McTamaney gave the floor to Provost Wente.

Remarks from Provost Susan Wente:

Provost Wente expressed tremendous gratitude to Vanderbilt University faculty for the work done together. Said how she is so proud of and grateful for everyone, and the opportunity to lead, partner, and now make these next steps in her career. Provost Wente this is not a goodbye, but an opportunity to say see you soon, and that she will always be connected to Vanderbilt.

1. **Campus updates: Return to Campus Plan**

Provost Susan Wente

- Said how we have held firm in Phase II+ since August of last year. She then gave a recap on our Return to Campus Plan, and what we have accomplished thus far according to plan.

- Pandemic: Lessons learned.
  - Additional resources for student mental health.
  - Considering gender equity concerns and impacts on faculty.
  - Meeting faculty needs during and post-pandemic.
  - Adapted curriculum between semesters.
    - Looking forward to coming back to fully in-person for fall semester.

Eric Kopstain, Vice Chancellor for Administration
• COVID Testing and Tracing
  o Explained how in the asymptomatic testing program a large volume of testing has been done to contain spread. He believes that the testing of undergraduates 2x/week has been a very effective approach, as positivity rates were beginning to trend downward during spring semester. He also thanked the faculty and staff that offered help as COVID testers. Said how we may wind down asymptomatic testing entirely in the near future, but this is to be decided.

• Vaccination Update
  o Shouted out VUMC for their leading role in vaccine roll-out. Currently, the vaccine record submission portal (released in March) has up to 8913 records and continues to increase by the 100s each day. Faculty takes the lead in vaccine records.
  o Described requirement versus recommendation for the vaccine. The American College Health Association recommends that universities require students to be vaccinated. Summer planning updates are intended to be announced shortly based on Working Group recommendations, which will likely lead us into Phase 3 of our back to campus plan. He then expressed his appreciation to faculty senate and for the expertise and guidance of faculty.

2. Tracey George, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
• Faculty Mental Health and Well-Being
  o Spoke about how the university continuity working group, a committee of faculty and staff, was charged with assessing the larger impact of COVID on the institution. This working group examined the issue in the summer of 2020 and made a set of recommendations last August. The key recommendations to take away included ensuring that there was awareness of mental health resources available, that these resources were connected to those in need, and that they were provided in a way that improved health for all and created development for the future.
  o The Faculty Affairs-based website serves as an entry point for faculty to find these mental well-being resources. The Working Group will continue to ensure that mental health and well-being resources are being promoted and provided.

• Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) Survey Updates
  o This survey was limited to VU and VUMC faculty, in hopes to identify drivers of faculty success, implement informed changes, and build trust, transparency, and teamwork. All documents that we have are available on the COACHE webpage.

• Question: “When are we lifting the prohibition on business travel? Faculty are already receiving invitations, and especially if they are vaccinated, why can we not let them attend?”
Vice Provost Tracey George: It is possible to seek exceptions from Dean, however the CDC recommended that traveling be limited unless completely necessary. New update soon from Susan and Eric on the VU travel policy.

Provost Susan Wente: Emphasized that traveling is not prohibited, but restricted. Mentioned how the Working Group is working to figure out how to handle personal medical information disclosure.

3. Brett Sweet, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Internet Technology

- Gave a financial update in relation to COVID, saying how we have not seen a drop like this since 2007. We lost nearly 600,000 jobs in Higher Education.

- Question: Endowment
  - Vice Chancellor for Finance, Brett Sweet: Since last March, our endowment is up 35%. In 2023, it is estimated that the per unit endowment dividend increase could be as much as 7-10%.

- Question: Salary increase
  - Vice Chancellor for Finance, Brett Sweet: This is up to each school and their budget and economic capacity.

Chair McTamaney proceeded to the next item of business.

Standing Committee Reports

Chair McTamaney called for a report from the Academic Policies and Policies and Services Committee and turned the floor over to Co-Chair Enyedy.

Co-Chair Enyedy presented the proposal for a Masters of Legal Studies Degree (MLS)

- Described this as a 30-hour, online program designed to provide introduction of legal studies to non-lawyers. There has been a great demand for legal education, for the careers that regularly interact with lawyers. He stressed the importance that this MLS program is not in competition with the Juris Doctor (JD) degree and described how the MLS degree will be highly competitive, around 100 students, and will be taught by full-time faculty. Students would be expected to complete their MLS degree in 2 years or less.

- Co-Chair Enyedy discussed the process of creation, working alongside the Associate Dean of Law School, Christopher Serkin, to go over highlights of the program, market research showing a clear need for this program, how faculty would deliver curriculum, and more. A set of revisions was created and raised thoughtful critiques for decision-making. Co-Chair Enyedy explained that information regarding the program is on the faculty senate website, and links were emailed out. He shared that the proposal was reviewed by the APS committee and ready for documentation of approval onto the Provost and Chancellor.
Chair McTamaney commended the APS committee for their quick and thoughtful work on this proposal and that the senate rules do not require a vote and if there are additional comments or feedback, that those could be directed to chairs Noel Enyedy, Leena Choi and executive committee liaison, Holly Algood.

Chair McTamaney proceeded to the next item of business.

**Old Business**
There was no old business.

Chair McTamaney proceeded to the next item of business.

**New Business**
Chair McTamaney turned the floor over to Senate Affairs Chair Debra Friedman. Chair Friedman explained that two resolutions would be introduced and that one would be voted on in the meeting and the second, and similar resolution, to be voted on in the fall assembly explaining that the university faculty constitution needed to be amended to allow the vice chair of the faculty senate and, the executive committee, to make small clerical changes including formatting, grammatical, spelling and punctuation changes as necessary to the constitution (not substantive changes) to ensure it flows appropriately. Chair Friedman presented a motion for the Senate Affairs Committee.
Motion 1—Senate Affairs Committee Motion to Amend Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate Constitution Re: Clerical Errors

PROPOSED: Motion to Amend Vanderbilt University FS Constitution Re: Clerical Errors

WHEREAS insubstantial human clerical errors at times occur in the process of maintaining, updating, and formatting the Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate’s Constitution, and

Whereas such errors are specifically addressed in Robert’s Rules of Order 12th Edition, p’s. 566-567; 57:18-19, and

WHEREAS it is not expedient to occupy the full Faculty Senate with such matters, and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate’s Constitution as last revised October April 5, 2018, does not currently address this matter, but states in Article III. Amendments

“Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Faculty Senate or by any one of the Faculties of the several Schools or Colleges. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, amendments shall become effective when approved by two-thirds of those present and voting at a meeting of the Faculty Assembly. At least one month before such meeting, the members of the Faculty Assembly shall be notified in writing of the proposed amendments. [1967]”

Be it resolved that the Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate proposes that ARTICLE II, B. of the Senate’s Constitution, as last revised, April 5, 2018, be amended by addition to read:

ARTICLE II, THE FACULTY SENATE, B. Organization.

6. The Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate shall also serve as the Secretary of the Senate. The Vice Chair, serving as the Secretary of the Senate, is authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Faculty Senate in connection with its Constitution, and

Be it further resolved, that upon passage by the Faculty Senate of this proposed motion to amend the Senate’s Constitution, Article II, The Faculty Senate, B. Organization, the Senate endorses the immediate circulation of this proposed Constitutional amendment to the University’s Faculty Assembly, and

Be it further resolved, that this proposed Constitutional amendment will be placed before the Faculty Assembly at its fall Assembly meeting, and

Be it further resolved, that, per the Faculty Senate Constitution’s Article III. Amendments, if notice of the proposed amendment is given to the Faculty Assembly one month in advance, and if the proposed amendment is approved by two-thirds of those present and voting at the fall Meeting of the Faculty Assembly, the Constitution will be amended effective immediately and the revised Constitution will be posted on the Faculty Senate’s website.
Chair McTamaney opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion.

Chair McTamaney called for the vote and voting members were sent a link to cast their votes.

Chair McTamaney asked Vice Chair Harris to share the results of the vote. Vice Chair Harris indicated that the motion carried. (Vote tally: 35 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain)

Chair McTamaney passed the floor back to Chair Friedman who presented another proposed motion for the Senate Affairs Committee.

**PROPOSED: Motion to Amend Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate Rules of Order Re: Clerical Errors**

WHEREAS insubstantial human clerical errors at times occur in the process of maintaining, updating, and formatting the Faculty Senate’s Rules of Order, and

WHEREAS such errors are specifically addressed in Robert’s Rules of Order 12 Edition, p’s. 566-567; 57:18-19, and

WHEREAS it is not expedient to occupy the full Faculty Senate with such matters, and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate Rules of Order as last revised October 11, 2019, do not currently address this matter, but state in Section X. Amendments

A. These rules may be amended by a majority vote of the Senate except as otherwise indicated herein.

B. Amendments to these rules shall be submitted to the Senate at a regular meeting at least three calendar weeks before they are brought to a vote. Amendments may be voted upon at a specially called Senate meeting if the intention to take such action is included in the call for that meeting.
Be it resolved that the Rules of Order of the Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate, as last revised, October 11, 2019, Section III. (Rules of Procedure, F. Vice Chair), be amended by inclusion to read:

Section III, Rules of Procedure

F. Vice Chair

The Secretary of the Senate shall also serve as Vice Chair of the Senate. All references to "secretary" and "secretary-elect" shall change to the "vice chair and secretary" and "vice chair and secretary-elect." [2006]. The Vice Chair and Secretary of the Senate is authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Faculty Senate in connection with its Rules of Order, and

Be it further resolved that upon passage of this amendment by the Faculty Senate, its Rules of Order, Section III. F. shall be immediately revised and the Vice Chair and Secretary may take immediate action to correct any clerical errors discovered in the existing (October 11, 2019) Rules of Order as well as those that may be discovered in future revisions of the Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate’s Rules of Order.

Senate Affairs Committee:
Debra Friedman
Catherine McTamaney
Karen Bloch
Leonard Folgarait
Eric Grogan
Kelsey Hatzell
Robert Miller
Julia Phillippi
Marcy Singer-Gabella

Chair McTamaney shared that the proposed motion to amend the senate rules of order was introduced and will be voted on in the fall assembly.

Chair McTamaney proceeded to the next item of business.

Faculty Senate Elections
Per the Faculty Senate Constitution, Article II, Part B, Paragraph 2

“At the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate each year, the Senate shall elect a Chair-elect and a Vice Chair-elect (not from the same School or College) from among those elected members who at that time are in their first year of service in the Senate. [2006] The persons elected shall at that time become members of the Executive
Committee, shall succeed to the offices of Chair-elect and Vice Chair-elect the following July first, and shall succeed to the offices of Chair and Vice Chair on July first of the year following their election. [2004] [2006] The Senate shall have the power to fill vacancies and to resolve questions of eligibility for these offices. In the event of a permanent vacancy in any of the offices, an election shall be held at the next Senate meeting to fill the vacancy. [1989] Until such special election, the Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate serves as acting chair. In the case that the Vice Chair cannot serve, then the past chair will serve as acting chair until the election is held. [2017]"

Chair McTamaney explained that letters of intent were received from Rebecca Swan and Elizabeth Catania for chair and vice chair of faculty senate. These letters were distributed in email.

Chair McTamaney opened the floor for additional nominations. There were none.

- Election of Chair-elect: Rebecca Swan

Chair McTamaney opened the floor for discussion. There were no questions and no debate.

The voting proceeded. Chair McTamaney asked Vice Chair Harris to share the results of the vote. Vice Chair Harris indicated that the motion carried. (Vote tally: 38 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstain)

Chair McTamaney proceeded to election of Vice Chair and opened the floor for additional nominations. There were none.

- Election of Vice Chair-elect: Liz Catania

Chair McTamaney opened the floor for discussion. There were no questions and no debate.

The voting proceeded. Chair McTamaney asked Vice Chair Harris to share the results of the vote. Vice Chair Harris indicated that the motion carried. (Vote tally: 31 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstain)

Chair McTamaney expressed congratulations to Chair elect Swan and Vice Chair Liz Catania.

Chair McTamaney passed the gavel over to Chair Mark Magnuson who described his vision for the senate work in the year ahead.

Chair Magnuson

- Gave great thanks to Catherine and Ben for rising to the significant challenges this past year. Presented them with glass etched books to express gratitude for their service to the senate.
- Chair Magnuson presented his vision for the AY 2021-22: “Enhancing Excellence Through Symbioses and Synergies”
- Chair Magnuson shared that the theme resonates with the fact that the 5-year anniversary of the split has been reached and aligns well with having a new chancellor and an incoming provost.

Vice Chair Harris
• Gave thanks to Stacey McCarty and graduate assistants Jessica Brotherson, Angelica Hooten and Alice Zingman for all their work behind the scenes. Also gave thanks to Past Chair John McLean and Past Vice Chair Holly Algood, and Parliamentarian Ann Price.

Chair Magnuson proceeded to the next item of business.

Good of the Senate
Chair Magnuson opened the floor to comments.

Adjournment
Chair Magnuson ask if there was a motion to adjourn. It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. There was a second and the meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

[Ben Harris, Secretary]  September 2, 2021
Faculty Senate Vice Chair

Date of Approval