

**Academic Senate
March 11, 2025
Cowan Hall # 310
Meeting Minutes**

Membership: Valerie Guyant, Trygve Magelssen, Mark Seiffert, Laura Gomez, Kasthuri Udayakumar, Joyce Mphande-Finn, Grant Olson, Casey Donovan, Anna Bowker, Aaron Riggan

Members Present: Valerie Guyant, Trygve Magelssen, Mark Seiffert, Kasthuri Udayakumar, Casey Donovan, Anna Bowker, and Joyce Mphande-Finn by remote attendance

Guests: Jennifer Brown, Scott Guyant

Recorder: Jodi Kueffler

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Valerie Guyant at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes:

- Motion was made by Mark Seiffert to approve the minutes from February 11, 2025.
- The second was made by Anna Bowker.
- Question
- Approved

Agenda:

- Motion was made by Mark Seiffert to approve the agenda as presented.
- The second was made by Anna Bowker.
- Question
- Approved

Chancellor/Provost Updates:

- Data Governance Committee met to discuss what the committee will involve. They will be looking at quality of data, appropriate access, and provide training.
- Planning an end of the year celebration the evening before graduation. This year the event will have trivia rather than karaoke.
- Looking at planning drop in student advising for All N Day.
- Have many searches launched.

External Committee Reports:

- **NWCCU**
 - The Provost submitted the year one report.

- UAC
 - The committee has not met since January.

Senate Committee Reports:

- Admissions and Standards
 - There are no new updates at this time.
- Curriculum
 - The committee met last week with several proposals to review.
- Financial Aid
 - There are no new updates at this time.
- General Education
 - The committee is preparing for the next assessment.
- Graduate Council
 - There are no new updates at this time.
- Instruction, Research, Faculty Development & Cultural Programming
 - Working on developing specific awards to be given to faculty.
- Library & Instructional Technology
 - There are no new updates at this time.

Proposals:

- 24-31 Course Revisions - BIOB 101 Discover Biology
 - Course description is updated to allow for more teaching flexibility.
 - Motion was made by Mark Seiffert to approve this proposal.
 - The second was made by Trygve Magelssen.
 - Question.
 - Approve.
- 24-32 New Course Proposal - CRWR 540 Intermediate Creative Writing Workshop
 - Has previously been discussed in Academic Senate.
 - Motion was made by Mark Seiffert to approve this proposal.
 - The second was made by Casey Donovan.
 - Question.
 - Approved.
- 24-33 New Program - Graphic Design Certificate
 - Certificate will be offered in flexible format for completion.
 - Offers a pathway to Bachelor of Arts.
 - Motion was made by Mark Seiffert to approve this proposal.

- The second was made by Casey Donovan.
 - Question.
 - Approved.
- 24-34 New Course Proposal - THTR 539 Drama in K-12
- 24-35 New Course Proposal - THTR 5XX Advanced Directing for Community Performance
- 24-36 New Course Proposal - THTR 595 Practicum
- 24-37 New Course Proposal - THTR 598 Cooperative Education
- 24-38 New Course Proposal - THTR 5XX Design for Community Stage
- 24-39 New Course Proposal - THTR 5XX The Actors Instrument
- 24-40 New Course Proposal - THTR 5XX Advanced Acting (Scene Study)
- 24-41 New Course Proposal - THTR 5XX Special Events Management
 - A motion to batch proposals 24-34; 24-35; 24-36; 24-37; 24-38; 24-39; 24-40; and 24-41 was made by Mark Seiffert.
 - The second was made by Kasthuri Udayakumar.
 - Question.
 - Approved.
 - A motion was made by Mark Seiffert to approve this proposal.
 - The second was made by Casey Donovan.
 - Question.
 - Approved.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Discussion on Vice President election for next academic year. This will be held at the April meeting.

Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Seiffert.
- The second was made by Anna Bowker.
- Question
- Approved

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jodi Kueffler