

# FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

**Rick Bullis**

Past Chair  
**Virginia Irintcheva**

Executive Committee member,  
Academic Standards and Assessment  
Chair  
**Jinger Doe**

Executive Committee member, Curriculum  
Review Chair  
**Katie Jensen**

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the general funds through the funding formula. There will be an impact of funding to TMCC of \$287K over the biennium. The capacity funding would be replaced with the New Workforce and Economic Development Capacity Grant. The legislators have postponed the vote until the outcome of the \$20M to Workforce Innovations has been approved. The Board of Regents are meeting on Tuesday, May 16 to discuss the impacts to the institutions.

Planning Council Updates: The Summer Energy Savings Adjusted Work Schedule Agreement was reviewed. The form was sent out by HR. The need for supervisors to work with employees was also discussed. The Remote Work Policy still exists and may be used. The Online Access Policy is being discussed. Legal issues and personnel concerns are being considered. The second read will occur in August.

JEB Update: The List Serv motion from April's Faculty Senate Meeting was discussed at the Joint Executive Board and we are awaiting Kiah Beverly's review.

Amy also announced Cara Dopf and Gus Stuart were reelected as Part-Time Senators and Tara Connolly was elected as an At-Large Senator.

Amy is serving on the Presidential Evaluation Committee. Faculty will be contacted for targeted interviews.

### **Chair-Elect's Report: Rick Bullis**

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Chair-Elect Rick Bullis announced Jinger Doe won the election for Faculty Senate Chair-Elect. He thanked Blisin for running and giving us a competitive election.

### **Past Chair's Report: Virginia Irintcheva**

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bylaws. Notwithstanding a positive midtenure review, the award of tenure remains a discretionary act as provided in the NSHE Code. (B/R 12/06)”

## Standing Committee Reports

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### **Academic Standards and Assessment Committee – Jinger Doe**

The committee has met twice since the last Faculty Senate Meeting and have now completed all 13 of the scheduled PURs for this year. Fall plans are being made. The committee will discuss the Academic Dishonesty Policy, host three Professional Development workshops, and explore AI. The committee next meets in Fall.

### **Administrative Faculty Committee – Ben Davis**

The committee met yesterday and discussed the low staffing model. The committee will issue a survey after summer to gain feedback on how it went. The Administrative Faculty Committee approved a Salary Advancement Resolution and bring it to the Senate today. A suggestion received was to combine the Administrative Faculty Committee's request with the



The committee met today. A cohort will be held for the new design software for Canvas which will include a \$200 stipend. Contact Sarah with the WebCollege if interested. The committee will continue discussing the process and wording on the Optional Online Faculty Evaluation Form in the Fall. Frank Amankonah was elected as the new chair. The committee next meets in the Fall.

### **Student Government Association (SGA) – Chanikan Buntha**

No report was given.

### **Classified Council – Sarah Gill**

Sarah reported the April Classified Employee of the Month was Dianne St. Jacques in Liberal Arts. The May Classified Employee of the Month nominations are currently being accepted. The Summer Symposium is being planned and elections for the Classified Executive Board will begin May 22-26, 2023. The new board will be announced June 2.

## **Old Business**

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Proposed Bylaw Changes, Second Read: Chair-Elect Rick Bullis reviewed the proposed bylaw changes which include chair responsibilities, Executive Board responsibilities, and the Faculty Evaluations Committee.

Senator Haley Orthel-Clark moved and Senator Ron Marston Seconded to approve the bylaw changes. The motion passed with 23 ayes.

## **New Business**

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Senator Jensen requested a promotion committee be formed and to forward this item to Professional Standards or one of the other committees. Senate Chair Amy Cavanaugh will send this to the Senate Executive Board for discussion and committee assignment.

Plaque Presentations: Senate Chair Amy Cavanaugh and Chair-Elect Rick Bullis presented plaques to each other for their service to the Faculty Senate. Amy also received a mace and pin to commemorate the inaugural ceremonial mace she will display during the procession at today's commencement ceremony. Rick was presented with the Senate gavel and adjourned today's meeting.

## **Adjourn**

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Senator Ron Marston moved and Senator Jennifer Pierce seconded to adjourn the May 12, 2023 meeting. The motion passed 16 ayes.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:00 p.m.