



# FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2023

Faculty Senate Chair:  
Rick Bullis

Faculty Senate Chair - elect :  
Jinger Doe

Past Chair  
Amy Cavanaugh

Executive Committee member,  
Academic Standards and ATC  
Jessikah Kipf

Classified Council Representative  
Viola Pellissier

Student Government Representative  
Brayson Gomez

Absent: Ben Davis (Proxy: Katie Paul), Jinger Doe (Proxy: Amy Cavanaugh), Ron Marston (Proxy: Ted Owens)

Guests: Jeffrey Alexander, Ayo Akinola, Amber Anaya, Yuli Chavez-

## Approval of the September 15, 2023 Minutes

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Motion: To approve the Faculty Senate Minutes for September 15, 2023.

Movant: Senator Tara Connolly

Second: Senator Joe Sanpietro

Vote: Motion passed with 28 ayes.

## Approval of October 13, 2023 Faculty Senate Agenda

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Motion: To approve the October 13, 2023 Faculty Senate Agenda.

Movant : Senator Katie Paul

Second: Senator Jon Lau

Vote: Motion passed with 27 ayes.

## Chair's Report –



Tara Connolly provided Ben's report. The adhoc committee met to finalize the Administrative Faculty Evaluation forms. The changes will come to the Faculty Senate in November for action. The committee next meets October 20, 2023.

Curriculum Review Committee – Katie Kolbet

The committee met last Friday. The Foreign Language Requirements were approved on today's consent agenda along with many courses and programs. The deadline for consideration for programs and courses for the next CRC meeting is October 27. This is the deadline for new courses and non-substantive changes for programs for the 2024 Catalog. All changes for the 2024 Catalog are due November 10. The committee next meets November 17, 2023.

Learning Commons Committee – Fred Lokken

The Monster Panel is coming back to TMCC. Programming is scheduled in November looking at the history of divisiveness in America. The committee is reviewing the current roles and responsibilities of the Learning Commons including its name.

Part-Time Faculty Committee – Edwin Lyngar

Senator Cara Dopf provided Edwin's report. Brianne Lee will join Gwen Clancy on the Planning Council and Jessikah Kipf was elected as the new Part-Time Faculty Senator. The committee is working on a Level 2 status for PTF, a retirement upgrade, and a webpage to list all Part-Time Faculty. The committee next meets November 3, 2023.

Professional Standards Committee – Karen Wikander

The committee reviewed Annual Plan changes and will be reviewing elements at the October committee meeting. They will bring the changes to the November Faculty Senate Meeting. Counselor and Librarian tenure forms will likely come to the Senate in the Spring. The committee next meets October 20, 2023.

Recognition and Activities – Tara Connolly

People, Pets and Pumpkins will be Monday, October 30, 2023. The winners will be announced on October 31. Criteria has been updated on the Distinguished Faculty Service Award. The committee will continue its work on the rubric and interview questions. September's Professional of the Month will be awarded soon. The committee next meets November 7, 2023.

Salary, Benefits and Budget Committee – Bradley Summerhill

The Salary Survey closes today at 5 p.m. The committee will review the results and bring them to the Senate in December. The committee next meets October 20, 2023.

WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee – Frank Amankonah

The WebCollege is analyzing results from the survey and an update will be brought to a future Senate meeting. The committee also discussed how to limit pop-up announcements in Canvas. The committee next meets November 3, 2023.

Student Government Association (SGA) – Brayson Gomez

Upcoming events are Get the Scoop with the Presidents on October 23, A blood drive on October 19, and Socktober for the month of October. A bin is located in the front of the SGA Office. The senators are planning their projects. The SGA body is now fully seated. SGA President Bryson Gomez and a student are working to get Narcan access to all NSHE institutions.

Classified Council – Jennie Allan

The council is planning the Summer Symposium and preparing to award the next Classified Employee of the Month.

