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# November 2018 Faculty Senate Packet

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UNK FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA  
7PM–November 1st, 2018  
Health Science Education Complex, Room 104

Faculty Senate Website:  
[http://www.unk.edu/committees/faculty\\_senate/index.php](http://www.unk.edu/committees/faculty_senate/index.php)

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes: **04Oct2018**
- V. Special Presentations
  - 1. **Vice Chancellor Jon Watts** – Budget Update
  - 2. **Dr. Scott Darveau** and **Dr. Derrick Burbul** – Update on General Studies
- VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees
  - A. Oversight Committee:
  - B. Executive Committee:
  - C. President's Report: **01Oct2018; 01Nov2018**
  - D. Academic Affairs: **18Oct2018**
  - E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:
  - F. Academic Information and Technology Committee:
  - G. Artists and Lecturers Committee:
  - H. Athletic Committee:
  - I. E-campus Committee: **18Oct2018**
  - J. Faculty Welfare Committee:
  - K. Grievance Committee:
  - L. Library Committee:

M. Professional Conduct Committee

N. Student Affairs Committee:

VII. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees

A. Assessment Committee:

B. Women, Gender and Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee:

C. International Studies Advisory Council:

D. Parking:

E. Safety Committee:

F. World Affairs Conference Committee: **10Oct2018**

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils

A. Graduate Council: **11Oct2018**

B. General Studies Council: **10Oct2018**

C. Council on Undergraduate Education:

D. Student Success Council:

E. Equity, Access, and Diversity Committee

IX. New Business

Resolution to be reviewed so it can be voted on at the December meeting.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. General Faculty Comments

This period is allotted for faculty members to bring matters of importance before the Senate. Speakers are asked to limit their remarks to five minutes or less. Senate meetings are open to all members of the academic community. All faculty members are specifically invited to attend Faculty Senate meetings.

XII. Adjournment

The October meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. Next Meeting will be on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

## UNK FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

7 PM – Oct 4th, 2018

- I. President Grace Mims presided.
- II. **Senators Present:** Dawn Mollenkopf, Greg Brown, Ron Konecny, Dale Porter, Chau Ngan, Martonia Gaskill, Jan Moore, Jon Dettman, Noah Rogoff, Matt Miller, Marissa Fye, Sam Rapien, Claude Louishomme, Allen Thomas, Kurt Borchard, Laurinda Weisse, Grace Mims, Ted Larsen, Dale Porter, Christina Sogar, Timbre Wulf, Ford Clark, Bryce Abbey, Jeremy Dillon, Jeremy Armstrong, Nick Hobbs, Denys Van Renner.

**Senators Absent:** Janet Trewin, Pat Hoehner, Roger Davis,

- III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The September 6th minutes were moved and seconded for approval. Minutes were approved with the following correction. Senator Hobbs indicated he was present at the previous month's meeting as well as Senator Armstrong and Senator Dillon.

The October 4th Agenda was approved.

- IV. SpecialPresentations

### **UNK Chief of Police Jim Davis**

- 1. Jim Davis Talked about the main reasons for the change on campus safety were the need for consistency, standardized procedures and equipment with other campuses.
- 2. Discussion on ways to improve communication with UNK Campus regarding safety decisions included connections between UNK Police and related committees such as Athletic and Safety committees.
- 3. More needs to be done to help strengthen relationship and trust between campus police and minority students, general student body, and off campus students.

- V. Oversight Committee:

Senator Roger Davis, Oversight Committee chair was not present at the meeting. President Grace Mims conducted the elections and the following senators were nominated and voted for the following committees:

### **Academic Affairs Committee:**

Senator Elected for the 2018 – 2020 term.

Derek Boeckner

### **Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:**

Needed: Two Senators for the 2018 – 2020 term.

----These two seats were not filled

**Athletic Committee:**

FIVE Senators were nominated and voted on:

Male Senator for 2018 – 2020. **Ford Clark**

Male Senator for 2018 – 2020. **Bryce Abbey**

Female Senator for 2018 – 2020. **Marissa Fye**

Male Senator for a 2018 – 2019 term **Greg Brown**

Female Senator for 2018 -2019 term: **Jan Moore**

**eCampus Committee:**

Senator for the 2018 – 2020 term.

**Martonia Gaskill**

**Faculty Welfare Committee:**

Person *from the ExCom* for the 2018-2019 year.

**Claude Louishomme**

**Professional Conduct Committee:**

Senator to fill out a 2018 – 2019 term.

**Noah Rogoff**

**Faculty Senate Elections of college faculty to replace vacancies**

CBT faculty for the FS Academic Affairs Committee to serve to Fall 2019.

**Brooke Envick**

CBT faculty for the FS **Grievance Committee** to serve to Fall 2019.

**Karl Borden**

COE faculty for the **Grievance Committee** to serve to Fall, 2019.

**Glenn Tracy**

**Welfare Committee**

Senator Claude Louishomme

Elections completed.

**VI. Executive Committee Report:**

Report by President Mims



## **Faculty Senate President's Report October 4, 2018**

1. Sept. 17 ExCom Meeting
  - a. Reviewed Senator concerns raised at FS Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting
    - i. College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Constitution/structure
    - ii. Armed UNK Officers – process (request Chief Jim Davis to address FS Oct 4<sup>th</sup> meeting)
  - b. Generated information request to UNK Admin regarding Changes to Health Insurance – particularly reduction to mental health providers.
2. Sept. 20 Managed Print Services (MPS) Overview and Feedback meeting convened by Scott Benson, Director of Business Services & Canon Reps attended by Martonia Gaskill FS Secretary and Grace Mims FS Pres, Jane Sheldon AVC Business & Finance, Rex Bauer ITS Systems Administrator, Kim Christensen Business Services Buyer, and others.
  - a. The objective for this meeting was to provide an overview of print reduction process and review a new MPS uniFLOW strategy by Canon.
    - i. Replace old series of printers throughout campus
    - ii. Canon Rep to serve UNK, UNO, UNL campuses
    - iii. Faculty/Staff/Students would authenticate using UNK ID at the printer within 10 hours (reduce abandoned print, track coping numbers/expenses per faculty member, department, college, etc. although the level of tracking flexible and TBD with faculty/staff/admin input. Copy machine locations TBD.
    - iv. *hp* Bridge Strategy: Canon supports hp printers with toner but no repairs when devices break.
    - v. *Hot Swaps* – increased access to pool of devices to swap within UNK, UNO, UNL
  - b. More to come through Dean's Council/Coordinating Councils and Faculty Senate meetings. Several options to be presented.
3. Oct. 1 ExCom Meeting with UNK Administration
  - a. College of A & S to hold business meeting Oct. 17 to discuss concerns raised
  - b. UNK Armed Police Officers – System wide discussion, more of a management issue rather than academic shared governance, risks to police officers without fire arms considered, public student response indicated some students feels safer, concerns expressed regarding risks to students, faculty, staff of color and campus police to build positive relationships with community to help avoid incidents.
  - c. General Studies – Concern raised by a Senator via email about progress of the GS Committee toward reduction/review. Senators and ExCom encouraged to meet with GS Reps for each college to advocate/lobby/understand.
  - d. Health Coverage – United Health Care programs similar to Blue Cross at a substantial savings. Mental health providers reimbursement significantly reduced.

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- e. Reports:  
UNK Chancellor Kristensen - BOR Oct 2 & 3, broad campus and community support and voices in Lincoln last legislative session may be required again as budget discussions open

SVC Dr. Bicak - CAS and Grad Dean searches are underway with July 2019 start date, Early Childhood Education Center groundbreaking Friday, Ophan Train & CBT Tri-City Economic Forum, UNK Long Term Care Management MA program approved.  
VC Jon Watts – Synergistic will be doing inventory across campus to make UNK more efficient, Educational Advisory Board (EAB) will host workshop by John Tannous, “Paving the Path to Transfer for the University of Nebraska at Kearney”. on Monday, October 15. Interested faculty are encouraged to attend.  
Sr. Advisor to Chancellor Neal Schnoor – Compliance to Title IX training and Interest and Management (IAM) is very good so far.

- 4. Oct. 1 ExCom Meeting
  - a. Elections to FS Standing Committee – Faculty Senators, Student Senate, Staff Senate
  - b. Assigned ExCom Officers for initial call to Committees and to coordinate Chairs/Secretaries – emails to go out Monday, Oct. 8 please respond within a day.
- 5. Oct. 3 BOR Meeting
  - a. First BOR meeting held at UNK since 2004. FS ExCom invited for breakfast with Regents, Student Ambassadors, Student Senate and Staff Senate leaders.
  - b. UNL FS voted 41-17 to remove President Jeff Rudy – first dismissal of leader in 44 years of the faculty body. Articles in Lincoln and Omaha papers.
  - c. Chancellor Kristensen presented many reasons “Why he loves coming to work at UNK”.
  - d. Majorie Kostelnik “NU Budget Response Teams” Phase 3 this year.
  - e. Regent Robert Whitehouse honored for his 12 years of service on BOR with *Emeritus Regent*.
  - f. Academic Matters regarding UNK
    - i. UNK/UNO Transfer joint MFA in Writing to UNO
    - ii. UNK Discontinue BAE in Theatre Education K-12
    - iii. UNK Discontinue BA, BS, BAE programs in Speech Communication
- 6. Faculty Senate Engagement Council (after BOR meeting)
  - a. Seeking Resolutions from all NU FS to support the University’s budget (approved by BOR in June) 3% increase this year, 3.7% increase next year. Political focus on gaining support from legislators.
  - b. DC Enrichment Academy – For any student intern in DC – mentoring from NU alumni.
  - c. New Federal Lobbyist – Cassidy & Associates – will help lobby for federal grant proposals from university faculty
- 7. Jon Watts, Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance Guest Speaker at Nov. 1 FS Meeting – Campus Budget and Capital Development projects (STEM, ECEC - ground breaking Friday Oct 5 10 a.m., etc.).

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Grace Ann Mims  
UNK Faculty Senate President 2018-19



**Faculty Senate President's Report  
November 1, 2018**

- I. President Report – oral vrs. written to the Senate
- II. Arranged Guest Speakers for Nov. 1 FS Meeting
  - A. VC Watts – campus budget and construction projects.
  - B. Scott Darveau and Derrick Burbul (Greg Brown) - General Studies Council update
- III. Prepared UNK Resolution to support NU budget request approved by BOR
- IV. Received concern regarding Campus Response - PREVENT White Minority by 2044 posters – added to ExCom & Cabinet Meeting Agenda
- V. Meetings Attended
  - A. AVC Kelly Bartling – Oct. 9 accepted standing invitation to address FS regarding relevant/important NE legislation affecting UNK/NU system during session.
  - B. FS ExCom/Senators and General Studies Council Member meetings
    - 1. COE Thursday, Oct. 12 Greg Brown, Michelle McKelvey, Julie Agard, Martonia Gaskill & Grace Mims
    - 2. Others?
  - C. Transfer and Diversity Recruitment Workshops, Oct. 15, invited by VC Watts – Martonia, Dawn and Grace attended
  - D. FS ExCom – Oct. 22
    - 1. Oversight/Parliamentarian (Dr. Roger Davis)
      - a. FS Standing Committee Elections for Chairs & Secretaries completed
      - b. Clean up procedures and policies throughout UNK constitution (e.g., Super Committee should replace UNL's Academic Rights and Responsibilities Commission (AARC)! There are other Super Committee language issues.
    - 2. UNK Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Gilbert Hinga, requested FS Volunteer for Equity, Access and Diversity (EAD) Committee Subcommittee for Diverse Faculty Recruitment – Dawn Mollenkopf
    - 3. UNK Student Climate Survey Results (Wendy Schardt, Director Health and Counseling Center – to meet with FS Student Affairs Committee to share results, report to FS, and determine additional dissemination)
    - 4. UNK Senates (FS, Staff, and Student) and UNK Chancellor's Cabinet potluck – Tuesday, Nov. 13 – 12:00-1:00, Alumni House. Signup Genius from Traci Gunderson and included link in the invite.
    - 5.



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5. Legislative Engagement (UNO, UNL, UNK, UNMC Faculty Senate Presidents)
    - a. NU Lobbyist reports & assistance from Kelly Bartling who has standing invitation to report at FS meetings.
    - b. Focus is on influencing senators rather than Gov. Ricketts who is expected to be reelected.
    - c. Heath Mello, Associate Vice President for University Affairs, sent draft of Resolution to support NU Budget approved by BOR in June and to submit to Legislature
    - d. FS Welfare Committee can field legislative issues.
    - E. FS ExCom & Cabinet – Oct. 29 (minutes TBD)

VI. FS ExCom & Senator Invitations/Events

- A. Chancellor's Loper vs. Missouri Western State Kickoff lunch buffet Nov. 3, NSU 310/312 – all FS ExCom & Senators invited
- B. UNK Senates (FS, Staff, and Student) and UNK Chancellor's Cabinet potluck – Tuesday, Nov. 13 – 12:00-1:00, Alumni House. Signup Genius from Traci Gunderson and included link in the invite.
- C. FS ExCom & All Senators invited to NU's Budget Response Team Update: Dr. Marjorie, Kostelnik, Senior Associate to the President & Chancellor Kristensen, NSU 312, Nov. 6., 2:30 p.m.

VII. Future Meetings

- A. FS ExCom – Nov. 19
- B. FS ExCom & Cabinet – Dec. 3
- C. BOR – Dec. 4, UNL
- D. FS Monthly meeting, Dec. 6

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Grace Ann Mims  
UNK Faculty Senate President 2018-19

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**Faculty Senate Academic Affairs  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2018, 3:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Debbie Bridges (CBT), Brooke Envick (CBT), Lindsay Brownfield (LIBR), Derek Boeckner (FS), Ralph Hanson (CAS), Bailey Koch (COE), Julie Shaffer (CAS), Joel Cardenas (Academic Affairs), Kim Schipporeit (Registrar), Leslie Braun (Student Senate), Trevor Daubert (Student Senate)

**Absent:** Kate Heelan (COE), Mark Ellis (ADM)

Chair Bridges called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

1. Bridges informed the committee that a representative from FS Executive Committee should be in attendance to convene the meeting, give the committee its charge, and to oversee election of chair and secretary. With no representative from the FS Executive Committee in attendance, Bridges requested that Boeckner (FS) delegate the responsibility of providing the official charge of the FSAA Committee to Bridges; Boeckner did so and Bridges then provided the charge to the committee members present.
2. The committee's first order of business was to elect a Chair and a Scribe. Hanson / Boeckner motioned to elect Bridges as Chair. Motion passed. Hanson / Bridges motioned to elect Envick as Scribe. Motion passed.
3. Hanson / Koch moved approval of agenda items #11 - #19. Discussion ensued. Members inquired about processes used by the Committee. Schipporeit described the process for inclusion of courses and programs for consideration and vote; Cardenas provided instructions on how to access information; and Bridges described the process for tracking changes and clarified the different roles of the full committee and subcommittee. Hanson called the question. Motion passed.
4. Shaffer / Koch moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3: 50

p.m. The next meeting of the full committee will be at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday,

November 15<sup>th</sup>. Respectfully Submitted:  
Brooke Envick, Scribe

Approved via email (October 22, 2018)

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## 2018-2019 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Academic Affairs Subcommittee 10/10/2018

Academic Affairs Full Committee 10/18/2018

NUMBER, REQUEST, LEVEL, SPECIFIC REQUEST, DEGREE/COURSE, PROGRAM/COURSE,  
TITLE, DEPT, COL, REASON

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#11, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, ACCT 465, Governmental/Non-Profit Accounting, ACCT, CBT, The department chair is routinely issuing permits to students that do not have ACCT 351. These students perform well in the class. The instructor asked, and the department agreed, that ACCT 351 be removed as a prerequisite; Change in prerequisite; Old Value: ACCT 350 and ACCT 351; New Value: ACCT 350.

#12, Alter, Program, Business Administration Comprehensive Bachelor of Science Finance Emphasis, BSAD, CBT, [add MGT 133] to give students in the Finance Emphasis an option for a more business focused upper level math class.

#13, Alter, Program, Business Administration Comprehensive Management Emphasis, Bachelor of Science, BSAD, CBT, The Management Department would like to add MGT 133 (Business Calculus and Linear Programming) as an advanced business-focused math option for students in the Management Emphasis.

#14, Inactivate, Program, Economics, Bachelor of Arts, ECON, CBT, Low enrollment numbers and shrinking resources.

#15, Alter, Course, Title, Description, LNSK 103, Foundations for Learning, LNSK, COE, Course name and description modified to fit curriculum changes and better match language on the revised syllabus; Change in course title; Old Value: University Foundations; New Value: Foundations for Learning; Change in description; Old Value: This semester-long, transition class is strongly recommended for first year and transfer students. Course topics include clarifying educational and personal goals, developing self-awareness, exploring majors and careers, getting involved in campus life, approaching new challenges, understanding university resources, studying at a college level, reading and test taking tips, writing and speaking strategies, managing time effectively, critical thinking, and financial literacy. Credits earned in this graded course may be counted as electives toward graduation; New Value: This academic skills seminar is strongly recommended for first year and transfer students. Course topics include an interdisciplinary focus on reading, writing, and communicating at a college level. The course encourages students to build transferable critical thinking skills, set educational and career goals, and develop time management and financial competences. Students will learn to utilize university resources to achieve both academic and personal growth. Credits earned in this graded course may be counted as electives toward graduation.

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#16, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, MGT 314, Operations and Supply Management, MGT, CBT, The Department of Management and the Department of Accounting and Finance have submitted proposals to allow students the option of taking MATH 120, MATH 123, or MGT 133 (Management) and MATH 123 or MGT 133 (ACCT/FIN) for their upper-level math requirement. The change in prerequisites for MGT 314 reflects those updates; Change in prerequisites; Old Value: MGT 233 or equivalent and either MATH 120 or MATH 123 Students with a Supply Chain Management Emphasis or Marketing Emphasis or MIS Emphasis must complete MGT 233 or equivalent and either MATH 120 or MATH 123 or MIS 190; New Value: MGT 233 or equivalent and either MATH 120 or MATH 123 or MGT 133. Students with a Supply Chain Management Emphasis or Marketing Emphasis or MIS Emphasis must complete MGT 233 or equivalent and either MATH 120 or MATH 123 or MGT 133 or MIS 190.

#17, Alter, Minor, Special Education, TE, COE, Updating of courses to meet current trends/needs of Special Education.

#18, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, TESE 462, Assessment and IEP Development, TE, COE, Content of the course necessitates candidates have prerequisite information that can be obtained through a variety of freshman/sophomore level Special Education courses for success in TESE 462; Change in prerequisites; Old Value: None; New Value: Junior standing or above.

#19, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, TESE 479, Teaching Social Skills to Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, TE, COE, Members of the Special Education program have decided that the content of the course does not necessitate requiring admission to TE. Also, moving the course outside of admittance to the program will enable others candidates from other majors to be able to take this course; Change in prerequisites; Old Value: Admission to Teacher Education Program; New Value; None.

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## **eCampus Faculty Senate Advisory Committee Meeting**

October 18, 2018 – CMCT/Room 216

**Present:** Gloria Vavricka, Steve McGahan, Ron Wirtz, Austin Nuxoll, Phu Vu, Martonia Gaskill, Julie Saalfeld

**Absent:** Bruce Elder, Noel Palmer, David Luker

The eCampus Faculty Senate Advisory Committee met for its first meeting of the new academic year on Thursday, October 18, 2018. Members introduced themselves and a chairperson was nominated and agreed upon. Ron Wirtz, Coordinator of User Services & Associate Director of Learning Commons from the Library, will serve as chair for the committee.

There was some discussion on what the committee's charge could be for this term. It was suggested that when we meet again in November, people bring their ideas and a topic can be selected at that time. Julie will send out a Doodle to establish what is a good day and time for our next meeting. [Poll turned out to be November 14 at 2 p.m. in CMCT/Room 216]

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Saalfeld  
Secretary

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**World Affairs Conference  
Executive Planning Committee Meeting  
Thursday, October 4, 2018, 1:30 PM**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Megan Hartman, Toni Hill, Chuck Rowling, Yao Zheng, Matt Mims, Bonnie Coffman, Carol Lilly, Michelle Warren

**Absent:** Fletcher Ziwoya, Logan Johannsen, Sonja Bickford, Theresa Yaw, David Wiebe

**I. Conference Brochure**

- a. Coffman reported that the final brochure draft needs to be submitted to Morris Press the week of October 7. Some introducers/moderators still need to be confirmed. Three were updated during meeting. Three more still need to be followed up on. Those committee members will forward final information to Coffman yet this week.
  - i. We are still missing biographies and speaking topics for four ambassadors. Committee feels that lack of communication this close to time for the conference likely means they are not attending, but will keep them in the program should they make last-minute arrangements to participate.

**II. Speakers Updates**

- a. Speaker invitations status
  - i. Mims and Warren have been fielding a number of questions and requests for information (related to security) from the representative of the U.S. Department of State who has been asked to participate in the conference. It does appear that he is going to, and he is aware of the information we are needing for him in order to be included in the program.
    - 1. He will give the Luncheon Address Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. and have the 3:30 session time in Ponderosa A/B to make a presentation to the conference attendees.
  - ii. The scholars from the Czech Republic are not arriving in Kearney in time to participate in the conference.
- b. Lilly reported that only 5 or 6 organizations have requested tables to display information during the World Affairs Conference. She will give a final report to Coffman before the end of next week.

**III. Other**

- a. Coffman reported that the Cedar Room became available for the Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. luncheon and we therefore do not need to be concerned regarding the number of attendees.

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- i. Michelle Warren will emcee the luncheon, and the representative from the U.S. Department of State will give the luncheon address.
  - b. Marketing Initiatives
    - i. Coffman reported that she passed the names of committee members available to make media appearances the week prior to the conference to Todd Gottula.
    - ii. Coffman also presented the idea of having speakers make media appearances prior to and during the conference. However, she did not suggest specific speakers. The committee discussed this and determined that we should suggest Kerry Emanuel, Courtney Gehle, Jose Ballesteros and Sami Miranda, Jane Kleeb, and Kristin Wiebe. Wiebe, Gehle, and Emanuel are all arriving early and staying for the duration of the conference.
    - iii. In discussing additional campus announcements, the committee decided that each Dean should be emailed about speaker bios and sessions particularly relevant to their colleges. Committee members volunteered to do this.
    - iv. Mims volunteered to do more campus announcements, perhaps some that feature the bios of a few of the speakers.
    - v. Coffman encouraged the committee to continue to promote the conference on social media
  - c. Coffman reported that there are several openings available still for student volunteers to assist during the conference. She will resend the link to faculty.
  - d. Mims and Zheng are still in need of drivers willing to make airport runs. It would be helpful to get some van-driver trained, as a large number are coming in on the same flights on Sunday.
  - e. The dates the Union is available on Mondays and Tuesdays in October of 2020 are 5-6, or 26-27. After discussion, it was decided that Coffman should reserve the Union for the October 26-27, 2020.

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## **GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**

Thursday, October 11, 2018

WRNH 2147 – 3:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Kazuma Akehi, Matt Bice, Doug Biggs, Bree Dority, Dena Harshbarger, Noel Palmer, Chuck Rowling, Janet Steele, Jeanne Stolzer, Marguerite Tassi, Ron Wirtz, Mackenzie Barbin

**ABSENT:** John Bauer, Haishi Cao, David Hof, Michelle Warren, Mallory Wetherell, Abby Webb

### **I. Approval of the September 13, 2018 Minutes – approved via email**

### **II. Graduate Dean's Report**

#### *A. Updates.*

Dr. Ellis informed the council of the completion of the MS in Long-Term Care Management and the Spanish Graduate Certificate. Dr. Ellis asked for nominations for another graduate student to sit on the council. Each committee was asked to detail their committee's duties and to start conversations about redefining the structure of the council to reflect the changes with the new College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Ellis led discussion on possible ideas to enhance graduate education or possible recruitment – newsletter, graduate school fair, graduate workshops, and graduate student association.

#### *B. IRB Changes in the Common Rule.*

Matt Bice informed the council of upcoming IRB changes effective January 2019 with the Common Rule. Ideas to educate the faculty on these changes was also discussed.

### **III. Committee Reports**

A. Policy & Planning Committee – approved one graduate faculty nomination.

B. Academic Programs Committee –

### **For Graduate Council Information**

The following courses have been approved by Committee II:



Course Name	Nature of Request	Comments
ACCT 865P Government/Non-Profit Accounting	Make prerequisites consistent with those of ACCT 465	Approve when revised syllabus received.
BSED 870P Career Education Methods	Remove admission to Teacher Education as prerequisite for course	Approve
GEOG 816P Applications of GIScience	New course	Approve with reminder to include "P" in course number consistently.
GEOG 817P GIScience Principles and Concepts	New course	Approve with reminder to include "P" in course number consistently.
GEOG 818P Working with GIScience and Spatial Analysis	New course	Approve with reminder to include "P" in course number consistently.
GEOG 819P Remote Sensing of the Environment	New course	Approve with reminder to include "P" in course number consistently.

**Tabled:**

Program Name	Nature of Request	Comments
Public Communication, MA	New program	Returned for additional information and modification
English, MA	Add new emphasis area - Language, Literature, and the Environment Emphasis (online)	Committee II moved to approve; Dean Ellis tabled after approval due to irregularities
CSIT 806P Enterprise Web Application Development	Consistency with recent changes to CSIT 406	Not ready to approve; request distinction 406 and 806P
CSIT 840P Interactive Web Application Development	Consistency with recent changes to CSIT 440	Not ready to approve; request distinction 440 and 840P

**For Graduate Council Action**

This program change come as a seconded motion to the Graduate Council. Motion Carried.

Program Name	Nature of Request	Comments
School Counseling - Elementary (PK-8) MSE	Name change	Move to approve; NDE has determined that endorsement should state PK-8, not PK-6

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- C. Faculty & Student Affairs Committee – Marguerite reported on a grade appeal and the committee is reviewing theses for MAGS awards.

**IV. Other Business**

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned (Biggs/Tassi – unanimous).

Respectfully submitted,

Janna Shanno, Recording Secretary

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**General Studies Council**  
**Minutes October 4, 2018**  
**– 3:30 p.m.**  
**Warner Hall, Warner Conference Room**  
**\*\*\* Approved via email \*\*\***

**Present:** Julie Agard, Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges, Greg Brown, Derrick Burbul, Joel Cardenas, Scott Darveau, Mark Ellis, Aaron Estes, Tim Farrell, Beth Hinga, Katherine Kime, Miechelle McKelvey, Kristi Milks, Kim Schipporeit, Sri Seshadri, Rebecca Umland, Beth Wiersma, Ron Wirtz

**Absent:** Karl Borden

**I. Call to Order:**

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

**1. Approve Agenda:**

Darveau/Brown moved to approve the agenda. Agenda was adopted.

**2. Minutes from the September 6, 2018 meeting were approved via email.**

**II. Old Business (Open Items):**

**III. New Business:**

**1. Course Proposals (New): Nothing submitted:**

Moratorium on new course proposals for 2018-19 AY (approved at  
4/26/18 GSC meeting).

**2. Assessment and GS Program:**

**a. Initial Results from Spring 2018 Distribution Course Assessment (Aesthetics, Humanities and Social Sciences).**

Brown/Seshadri moved to approve sending the results to campus. Motion carried.

**b. Update on Syllabi Collection/Review Fall 2018.**

The course syllabi are loaded in Canvas for the subcommittees to begin the review process. Each group will submit their combined comments in a summary to Bridges prior to the November meeting.

**3. College Merger and General Studies Council: Update**

Dr. Bicak has approved the Council to operate under the current governance document for the 2018/19 AY.

**4. Review/Revision of General Studies Program:**

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**a. Update on APR:**

Dr. Bicak has approved a one-year deferral for the General Studies APR. Dr. Bicak and Bridges will revisit the rescheduling at the end of the spring semester.

**b. Update on Timeline:**

If structural changes are needed to the GS program the work will need to be completed by December.

**c. Options/Alternatives to Consider:**

Bridges asked the Council to answer the two questions (from September 6 meeting): 1) what they felt is right with the current General Studies Program; and 2) what issues we know need to be fixed.

Some of the positives of the current program are: portal courses, capstone courses, innovative and interesting courses, the breadth of courses, level of writing, uniform program, students have a choice, assessment is positive, show cognitive progression and students are allowed to be exposed to different areas.

Some of the issues with the current program that need addressed are: students transferring sufficient hours to qualify for the portal waiver still come up short of the total hours required (e.g., have 42 hours); investigating a different way to assess at end of the GS program; distribution hours and 2-discipline requirements can impact some transfer students (e.g., may come in with 6 hours of humanities but all in one discipline); democracy in perspective as a standalone category; and cobbling together of ENG 101 / ENG 102 in the program – could be more coherent.

Bridges also distributed 4 different proposals for changes to the GS program, submitted by council members. The Council discussed the pros/cons and commonalities of all the proposals and determined the best elements from each proposal.

All of the 4 proposals have 9 credit hours in the foundational core, by removing Democracy as a standalone category. The Council suggests the foundational core be 9-12 credit hours and integrate Democracy into other categories. There was also considerable discussion about eliminating the requirement that courses need to be from two different disciplines. This would help transfer students who have already met their GS requirements, but not from two different disciplines.

Kime/Umland moved to eliminate the Wellness Category all together. Motion failed.

Asay/Darveau moved to approve keeping the 6 Distribution Categories (Aesthetics, Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Analytical and Quantitative Thought and Wellness). Motion carried with one nay vote.

Darveau/Brown moved to approve keeping the Portal Course. Motion carried with one nay vote.

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Darveau/ Seshadri moved to approve keeping the Capstone Course. Motion carried with one nay vote.

For the November meeting the Council should be prepared to discuss 1) What should the revised GS program look like in total number of credit hours; 2) What should the credit hours be in the Distribution Category; 3) How should the hours be allocated in the categories?

**IV. Other:**

**V. Adjournment:**

Darveau/Brown moved to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.

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## **Resolution in Support of the University of Nebraska FY19-21 Appropriations Request**

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska Kearney is committed to achieving the University of Nebraska's three primary missions of teaching, research, and service; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney is a public, residential university committed to be one of the nation's premier undergraduate institutions with excellent graduate education, scholarship, and public service.  
and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska graduates over 11,000 students annually, with over 2100 graduates from the University of Nebraska Kearney, who help grow Nebraska's talent pipeline and economy; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska Kearney has over 33,000 alumni living and contributing to Nebraska's economy in diverse fields as agriculture, allied health, business, engineering, information technology, nursing, public administration, teaching, and other fields; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska provides an unprecedented return on investment for taxpayers with an estimated \$3.9 billion annual economic impact across Nebraska and supports more than 54,000 jobs in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, maintaining talented faculty and quality facilities is vital to attracting and retaining top students from Nebraska and around the world; and

WHEREA, the University of Nebraska prides itself on efficiently utilizing state general funds to meet the needs of Nebraska's workforce and communities and continues to modernize operations to assist faculty, staff, and students in a changing global economy; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2018 the University of Nebraska Board of Regents have proposed to the Governor and Nebraska Legislature a general fund appropriation increase of 3.0% for FY19-20 and 3.7% for FY20-21 to assist in helping maintaining affordability at the University and growing Nebraska's workforce and economic opportunities; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate representing the University of Nebraska Kearney urges the Governor and Nebraska Legislature to support the FY19-21 state appropriations request of the University of Nebraska Board Regents and ensure the University of Nebraska maintains its vital role as key cultural, workforce, and economic driver in Nebraska.

President  
University of Nebraska Kearney Faculty Senate

Date