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7:00PM – March 3rd, 2022
Antelope Room, Nebraskan Student Union

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Faculty Senate Website:

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- C. Council on Undergraduate Education:
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- IX. Unfinished/Old Business
 - A. Attendance Policy Discussion and Recommendations
- X. New Business
 - A. Representative for UNK Online FS Standing Committee
 - B. Academic Calendar Discussion
 - i. Fall Break/Thanksgiving Break
 - ii. 14 week Academic Calendar
 - C. General Studies Discussion
 - i. Asking for feedback before meeting with APR team on March 9
- XI. General Faculty Comments
- XII. Adjournment:



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XIII. Call to order Time: 7:00

XIV. Roll Call

a) **Senators Present:** Martonia Gaskill, Pat Hoener, Miechelle McKelvey, Kurt Borchard, Megan Strain, Sam Rapien, Jeremy Armstrong, Nicholas Hobbs, Mike Moxley, Chris Steinke, Anthony Donofrio, Ford Clark, Dawn Mollenkopf, David Vail, Daniel Chaffin, Alejandro Cahis, Liaquat Hossain, Dereck Boeckner, John Bauer, Bobbi Jean Ludwig.

b) **Senators Absent:** Marissa Davala, Bryce Abbey, Timbre Wulf, Chuck Rowling, Ngan Chau, Karl Borden, Denys Van Renen, Timothy Johnson

XV. Approval of Agenda David Vail moves, second by Jeremy Armstrong seconds, all in favor, no one opposes, moved to approve.

XVI. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes: **02December2021** Motion to approve, Dawn Mollenkopf moves, Miechelle McKelvey seconds, all in favor, no one opposes. Moved to approve.

XVII. Special Presentations:

Keenan Torres: Student Senator representative for CBT. He wants to meet with members from different committees and look for ways to reach out to students on campus so we can have more of them running as candidates, to have a better representation and bigger participation. Hopes to see more students interested in running for student government. February 14 information meeting about running for student government as a senator. Election via looper mail on March 2nd and 3rd. He is looking for help from faculty to connect with those exceptional students that would excel as members of student senator body. If we know any students interested or that would be a good fit for the position, make sure to invite them to an Info meeting on February 14th and 15th and deadline to submit an application by 5pm on February 21st.

Bobbi: If faculty knows a student who would be a good fit, lets motivate them to apply, they might feel like they don't have it or they are not a good fit, lets encourage them to apply and make them interested to participate on something like this.

XVIII. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

- A. Oversight Committee:
- B. Executive Committee:**20January2022;26January2022**
- C. President's Report:**03February2022**

Derek: Staff senate reached out for the potluck for next week. We are waiting on latest covid report to see if we will be moving forward with this. (Got canceled due to Covid guidelines at that moment)

Student engagement, recruitment, faculty senate lecture series, where departments can talk of why their programs is important for education, to encourage student to engage in with general studies classes.

Meeting with admin: talked about RIF, move forward with some of the recommendations given last year.

Question: Are they implementing the faculty recommendations or taking them into account?

A: Didn't ask about that specifically. Weren't really specific and didn't give a lot of detail.

Follow up: About the timeline, Bicak mentioned that Feb-March there would be forums about the RIF and decisions would be made by May. Wants to know about the status of the forums and when we would be hearing more about them.

Search for Dean of the Library going forward nicely, SVAA moving forward as well, nothing to update on them other than they are moving forward.

Megan: question on outsourcing of deans' evaluations.

A: Evaluation of the deans will take in consideration a survey answered by all the faculties instead of just a handful. 360 approach, a diverse group of people from the college will fill out a survey that touches different aspects by which the dean will be evaluated on.

What is the cost associated with that? With an outside person leading the evaluation?

A: not sure, it will be asked.

- D. Academic Affairs:**27January2022**
- E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:
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 - B. General Studies Council: **19January2022**
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 - D. Student Success Council:
 - E. Equity, Access, and Diversity Committee
- XXI. Unfinished/Old Business
 - A. Attendance Policy Proposed Changes
Please do reach out to your college reps, we will not hold a full discussion about it tonight, it will be held in March after it gets voted.
- XXII. New Business
 - A. Transparency, Accessibility, and Maintenance of FS Standing Committee Policies
Update the website with current policy documents, there are several documents with different versions, new ones need to be easier to find. Some committees don't have policies. Changes on procedures need to be updated.
 - B. Last minute addition: Student Keenan Torres
- XXIII. General Faculty Comments
CircleIn, some concerns on money, some concerns on not having committees or faculty involved.
Who is the driving force promoting this?
Another questions tech related: in the psych department, struggle with IT assistance, happening quite frequently in their college. "IT folks seems to cause more problems than the ones they solve". They don't know how the faculty uses the technology so how can they help them?
Issues like this should go to the AIT committee so they can be addressed and taken care of. Don't wait until a general FS meeting, feel free to reach out to them at any time with issues.
Academic freedom and tenure have meet twice since last year, but minutes have not been turned in. to be included in next month's packet.
- XXIV. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: David Vail moves, Michelle McKelvey seconds. Meeting Adjourned.

Time 7:37



FS Executive Committee Meeting
February 22, 2022 – 11:00 am

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Derek Boeckner, President
Martonia Gaskill, Past President
Alejandro Cahis, Secretary (notetaker)
Ngan Chau, Representative
Dawn Mollenkopf, Parliamentarian

Present:

Derek Boeckner, Martonia Gaskill, Ngan Chau and Dawn Mollenkopf.

Absent: Alejandro Cahis

FYI

- LB1077 The 4 campus president's have put together a short statement against it. If it makes it out of committee (Scheduled for Feb 24) we will draft something more substantial in opposition to the bill due to the threat it poses to academic freedom.
- DFW Rates are being looked by the Provost's office through an extensive statistical analysis
 - Couse by course
 - Joint distributions between related courses
 - Prerequisite courses
 - First year success
 - Retention after courses with a DFW
 - Mostly examining courses with 25%+ DFW rates
 - Etc.

New Business

- Kim Carlson and Rochelle Reeves will present on the status of OER at UNK.
- Forum/Listserve/Teams Page/Canvas Course for discussions instead of Announce.
The exec committee talked about possible alternatives to encourage discussions among faculty on timely topics without the perceived sense of disruption when conversation happens in the Announce channel. Ask faculty senators for suggestions/ideas on a community to encourage open discussions.
- I Love NU Day is coming up March 23rd. Invite colleagues to attend and invite/support students who wish to attend. This is great experience and PR opportunity. UNK has had the best representation over the years. Great way to connect with students, faculty, senators, and people from across the NU system. Please attend if your schedule allows.

- Agenda items for the upcoming meeting with the Cabinet on Thursday February 24 @ 2:00pm
Warner Hall Conference Room
 - Search Updates
 - RIF update
 - AY 2022-23 Calendar: NU Calendar, J-Term,
 - Buildings/Facilities Project updates
 - Differential Tuition Report in BoR Agenda
 - Do we have any programs that would benefit from differential tuition? Has that been explored as a revenue source?
 - Business, IT, Engineering, Foreign, etc (pay 10% extra tuition)
 - I know we're trying to grow enrollment, in some of these programs, but some of these might allow different support mechanisms to be put into place, e.g., Learning commons support from differential tuition from the business school. (Assuming CBT students use the LC much more than other majors, but I could be wrong.)
 - Why does it seem that UNK provides such an outsized share of the NU Online campus contributions (39.5%)?
 - Cushing Pool renovations?
 - 360 evaluations of the Deans/other administrative leaders
 - Costs
 - What all do they entail

General Discussion

- Please bring items you wish to discuss, and possible items for the agenda with the cabinet.

Meeting Adjourned @Noon.

Next meeting date and time TBA



UNK Administration & FS Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2022 – 2:00-3:00 p.m. – Warner Hall Conference Room

Members, UNK Administration

Chancellor, Doug Kristensen
SVC Charles Bicak
VCBF Jon Watts
VCEMM Bartling
Dean Hinga
SACEA Falconer

Members, FS Exec Committee

Derek Boeckner, President
Alejandro Cahis, Secretary
Ngan Chau, Representative
Dawn Mollenkopf, Parliamentarian
Martonia Gaskill, Past President

Discussion Items:

- Search Updates
 - Library Dean
 - search in silent phase
 - search firm in the process of collecting and organizing information
 - AVC Research and Sponsored Programs
 - Looking to have application out yet this spring
 - SVCAA
 - Good pool of applicants, good candidates
 - Student Engagement Director
 - Advertised by the end of the week
 - Marketing and Data Analyst
 - Couple weeks yet from being advertised
- RIF update
 - Continue to be guided by CBA and FAC report.
 - Individual conversations happening
 - Hesitate to say when things will wrap up
 - No large announcements would be made unless individuals effected agree
 - As all currently concerned positions are individual lines, forums wouldn't be appropriate.

- AY 2022-23 Calendar
 - We have start dates and end dates for 2022-23 AY. (Fall Aug 22-Dec 10 +finals week, Graduation Dec 16; J-term Jan 2-20; Spring Jan 23- May 13 + finals week, Graduation May 19)
 - Full spring break
- Buildings/Facilities Project updates/plans
 - Cushing Pool -> Wrestling Room
 - well underway
 - + enrollment from increase in team size already
 - Wiebe Land
 - Eventual location for visiting faculty to stay
 - Large area that could be used for biology/ecology labs
 - Antelope Sculpture is going up soon
 - Library Renovations + Mitchell center underway, will extend the life of the whole building
 - Community Engagement center designs have been presented, that project is to start this spring.
 - Health Science addition
 - In front of board of appropriations currently.
 - Seems to be well supported
 - Advertising/promotion maybe going up soon
 - Great for the state and for recruitment and retention of needed employees for the state
- Differential Tuition Report in BoR Agenda
 - Do we have any programs that would benefit from differential tuition? Has that been explored as a revenue source?
 - Have avoided using differential tuition thus far
 - Why does it seem that UNK provides such an outsized share of the NU Online campus contributions (39.5%)?
 - Looking forward some of these dollars might be able to be held here for UNK use
- 360 evaluations of the Deans/other administrative leaders
 - Gretchen Bataille leading these
 - Focus groups, discussions with students, surveys
 - Individual discussions with faculty and deans
 - Seem to be proceeding well

Reports

Chancellor Kristensen

SCVASA Bicak

Highlights of the Health Sciences addition, brings 5 new programs from UNMC to campus, will have all of the major programs here except dentistry. Great opportunity to champion and promote for healthcare in rural Nebraska

VCBF Watts

Working towards incorporating Professors of Practice, need bylaws updates and CBA updates

DSA Hinga

Mental health continues to be a concern, more resources are being brought to this front

and there are plans to look at increasing the student health fee. Money is needed to combat high turnover across the board, but particularly in the counselling jobs on campus.

VCEMM Bartling

Applications continue to look strong, including out of state numbers.

April 1 will be the transition from talisma to TargetX CRM system

Good participation in career fairs from area schools

SACEA Falconer

Faculty Senate President's Report
March 3, 2022

Board of Regents

Meeting February 11, 2022

- Regents voted to end the philosophy major. Dr. Tom Martin, and Dr. Gene Fendt as well as many current and former students made a solid case for themselves from an unfortunately untenable position.
- Regents passed a proposal which would allow the campus Chancellors and University President to determine if alcohol sales would be allowed at events on their campuses as well as advertising. There will likely be more discussion when/if these things will happen and the FS Presidents will be asking for some portion of the receipts be put towards academic pursuits.
- A presentation on the economic impact that the university has on the state was presented to the board. The full report which contains many positive facts about the impact the university system has on the state can be found <https://nebraska.edu/economic-impact>
 - The state receives \$9 for every \$1 that it spends on the university up from \$7 to \$1 the prior year.
 - 1 out of every 27 jobs in the state is support by the university directly or indirectly
 - One of the biggest concerns is there is a lack employees in the state for the positions we have.
- Board approved the acquisition of the Wiebe Property at 2411 Cottonmill Ave

Follow ups from February 3 FS Meeting discussion

- CircleIn App
 - The deans listened to a sales pitch for the app. There hasn't been a decision made about it. It seems to be still in an exploratory phase, and likely not going anywhere.
- Forums for RIF
 - The decisions being made at this point are on an individual basis. Forums wouldn't be an appropriate venue for these decisions. At this point, those whose lines are in the discussion have been contacted. If further considerations need to be made, the administration will continue to look at the recommendations given in the report created by the Faculty Advisory Committee. Administration is hopeful, that working with individuals will be sufficient
- 360 Dean Evaluations
 - Being conducted currently.
 - Gretchen M Bataille is doing them. See <https://www.gmbconsultinggroup.com/>

**Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
Minutes from Meeting
Thursday, February 17, 2022
Meeting held via Zoom**

Present: Debbie Bridges (CBT), Steve Hall (CBT), Ted Rupnow (CAS), Julie Shaffer (CAS), Lindsay Brownfield (LIB), Anthony Donofrio (FS), Joel Cardenas (AA), Lisa Neal (REG), Jackson Miller (Student Senate)

Absent: Bailey Koch (COE), Kate Heelan (COE), Mark Ellis (AA), Aidan Weidner (Student Senate)

Guests: Jim Vaux (ITEC)

Bridges called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Bridges welcomed Committee members to the meeting. Bridges updated the Committee on the proposed changes to the Attendance Policy submitted at the January meeting. Request for feedback has been sent to campus and to the College Ed Policy / Academic Affairs Committees. Bridges indicated that feedback from CAS has been received and expects to hear from others before the March 4 due date. Bridges reminded everyone that the Committee will take action on the proposal at the March meeting.

Brownfield (Rupnow) moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion moved to agenda items. The subcommittee met last week and did not see red flags except for noting that item #152 exceeded hour limit for comprehensive majors. Bridges asked Jim Vaux to provide a brief overview / rationale for the proposed changes. Vaux explained that the Construction Management program is seeking accreditation through ACCE (American Council for Construction Education) and the changes are to meet their requirements. Concern expressed over the number of hours required by program; Shaffer inquired if the hour requirements are course based or content based. Vaux indicated it was based on hours but stated that ACCE wants to see hours outside of department be utilized. Bridges suggested that ECON 271 be used as LOPER 7 requirement which would help reduce total hours in the major.

Shaffer (Hall) moved approval of agenda items #149 - #160 with provision that agenda item #152 have ECON 271 moved from Management Core to LOPER 7 category. Motion carried.

Bridges reminded the Committee that, as always, quick turnaround on approving the minutes is needed to meet Faculty Senate's submission deadline for the March packet – so please watch email and act on the minutes as soon as possible.

Brownfield (Shaffer) moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bridges (temporary scribe)

Approved via email, February 21, 2022

2021-2022 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Academic Affairs Subcommittee 2/9/2022
Academic Affairs Full Committee 2/17/2022

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

Courses approved by Beth Hinga to satisfy EXL requirement:

BIOL 499 Research in Biology

#149, Alter, Program, Aviation Comprehensive, B.S., ITEC, CBT, This program change includes name and course changes that align with Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI) Accreditation Criteria Manual Student Learning Outcomes for Flight Education Baccalaureate Programs sections 3.3.1 General Criteria, 3.3.2 Aviation Core Topics, and 3.3.3 Program Criteria. AABI criteria are established to ensure programs meet the needs of the aviation industry. Specific requirements include aviation safety, the impact of human factors on safety, communicating in the aviation environment, and the impact of meteorology on aviation operations.

#150, Create, Course, BIOL 499, Research in Biology, BIOL, CASC, We are creating this course to serve the needs of our students who are actively participating in research projects as undergraduates, so that they can earn EL credit.

#151, Alter, Program, Chemistry 7-12 Teaching Subject Endorsement, B.S.Ed., CHEM, CASC, Updating the Earth Science requirement to allow both PHYS 201 and GEOG 201 as options – both courses have the necessary earth science content to meet NDE Rule 24 certification requirements.

#152, Alter, Program, Construction Management Comprehensive, B.S., ITEC, CBT, The Construction Management program is applying for accreditation with ACCE (American Council for Construction Education). The proposed changes to the program satisfy the minimum requirements for ACCE Accreditation. The ACCE program of study requirements are: 50 credits minimum in the CM major and 33 credits in Business & Management, Communications, Math, Physical or Environmental Science. The distribution of these requirements are as follows: 12 credits in Business & Management (MGT 301, ECON 271, ACCT 317, FIN 315), 6 credits in Communication (Loper 2 & 3 and not included in total), 3 credits mathematics beyond trigonometry (MGT 233 was approved by ACCE), 6 credits in Physical or Environmental Science (GEOG 103, PHYS 100/100L currently in Loper 8 and Program Specific Requirements), and an addition 6 credits in any category (ACCT 250, BSAD 295). ITEC 475 has been changed in its credit hours, reducing the credits from 5 to 3.

#153, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, ITEC 417, Advanced Aircraft Systems, ITEC, CBT, ITEC 220 has been removed from the program and no other prerequisite is required; Change prerequisites, Old Value: ITEC 220 or permission, New Value: None.

#154, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, ITEC 475, Internship, ITEC, CBT, ITEC 308 has been removed and MGT 301 added as a prerequisite to meet accreditation requirements; Change prerequisites, Old Value: ITEC 250 and ITEC 308 and ITEC 312 and ITEC 370 and minimum GPA of 2.5 and junior standing, New Value: ITEC 250 and MGT 301 and ITEC 312 and ITEC 370 and minimum GPA of 2.5 and junior standing.

#155, Alter, Program, Mathematics, B.A., MATH, CASC, Add PHYS 275/275L as LOPER 8; Add English 102 as Program-Specific (these changes should have been included last year by chair) Footnote 5 corrected to MATH 430 (was MATH 440).

#156, Alter, Program, Mathematics, B.S., MATH, CASC, Add PHYS 275/275L as LOPER 8; Add English

102 as Program Specific (these changes should have been included last year by chair).

#157, Alter, Program, Pre-Pharmacy, HSCI, CASC, The program is being revised because the pharmacy admission requirements changed in November and are effective immediately. The UNMC College of Pharmacy is reducing the requirements to be more in line with other pharmacy schools. The PCAT is also no longer required by Nebraska pharmacy programs.

#158, Inactivate, Course, PHYS 323, Analog and Digital Electronics, PHYS, CASC, make dormant.

#159, Inactivate, Course, PHYS, 423, Electronics, PHYS, CASC, make dormant.

#160, Alter, Course, Title, PSCI 140, Democracy and Global Citizenship, PSCI, CASC, The Department of Political Science has decided to change the name of PSCI 140 FROM Democracies Around the World TO Democracy and Global Citizenship. We feel the name change will attract more students to the class and more accurately describes the issues covered in the course; Change course title, Old Value: Democracies Around the World, New Value: Democracy and Global Citizenship.

**Academic Freedom and Tenure Faculty Senate Committee
Meeting Jan 05, 2022, 12:00PM- 1:00PM
COE Meeting Room B156 and via Zoom**

Present: Michelle McKelvey, Martonia Gaskill, Greg Benson, Phu Vu

Via Zoom: Michelle Beissel Heath and Kurt Borchard

The AFT committee members met to elaborate on, and address two cases presented to the committee.

Respectfully reported

Phu Vu

**Academic Freedom and Tenure Faculty Senate Committee
Meeting February 02, 2022, 4:00PM- 5:00PM
COE Meeting Room B156 and via Zoom**

Present: Michelle McKelvey and Greg Benson

Via Zoom: Michelle Beissel Heath, Martonia Gaskill, Phu Vu and Kurt Borchard

The AFT Committee met to review responses from the complainants in two separate cases. The AFT Committee will move both cases forward according to procedures outlined in the “Committee for Academic Freedom and Tenure Rules and Procedures.

Respectfully submitted

Michelle McKelvey

**Academic Freedom and Tenure Faculty Senate Committee
Meeting Feb 09, 2022, 4:00Pm- 5:00PM
COE Meeting via Zoom**

Present: Michelle McKelvey, Martonia Gaskill, Greg Benson, Phu Vu, Michelle Beissel Heath and Kurt Borchard
The AFT committee members met to elaborate on, and address one case presented to the committee.
Respectfully reported
Phu Vu

FACULTY SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
14 DECEMBER 2021

PRESENT: Judy Henning, Chair; Andrea Childress, Bryan Drew, Heather Meyer, Christopher Steinke, Janet Wilke, Zach Zavodny

The meeting convened at 3:01pm via Zoom.

The minutes of the November 9 Faculty Senate Library Committee Meeting were presented for approval. Drew moved (Meyer) the minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried.

LIBRARY UPDATES

Library staffing — Wilke reported that Rachel Hammer was recently hired for the library's position of Research and Instruction Librarian. Rachel recently received the MLS from Denver University and will begin her employment at UNK in January 2022. The Library Staff look forward to her arrival.

Library renovation — Wilke reported that the Design Team for the renovation project has been selected, and the Contractor will be selected by the end of this week. Wilke stated she recently met with the Student Government President and Vice President via Zoom to discuss students' ideas for library renovation. These ideas will be forwarded to the Library Design Team. Beginning in Spring 2022, the Architects will hold open forums and focus group discussions to gather ideas and suggestions and develop a plan for review. The anticipated start date is Fall 2022, and the expected completion date is Fall 2024. Wilke stressed that the library building must remain open for student use throughout the duration of the project.

Library interior changes — Wilke reported that the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity will be housed in the library starting in Spring 2022. That office will be located on the Second Floor. There is also a possibility of the Honors Program Office relocating to the library.

Digital Repository — Wilke reported that Laurinda Weisse, University Archivist and Digital Repository Manager, has been giving presentations on the Digital Repository. To date she has presented to the Chancellor's Cabinet and the Deans' Council. Presentations are planned for College Chairs, and perhaps one could be presented to the Library Committee.

Library APR — Wilke reported that the Library's Academic Program Review was scheduled to be held in 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic. Plans are to hold the Review in Spring 2022. The Library Committee may be involved. The Chair of the Review Committee will be someone from outside the University.

Library Dean search — Henning reported that she will serve on the Search Committee for a new Dean of the Library. She then named the other Search Committee Members: Dr. Peter Longo, Chair; David Arredondo, Lindsay Brownfield, Jenny Haddon, Bobbi-Jean Ludwig, Rochelle Reeves, Laurinda Weisse, Matt McDowall, and Karen Myers, all of the library; and Dr. Claire Stewart, Dean of Libraries at UNL, who is representing the University of Nebraska Consortium of Libraries. The hope is to have the process completed by April 2022. Henning encouraged Library Committee Members to send her their thoughts on what to look for in a new Library Dean.

Recorded Zoom meetings — Henning led a discussion regarding recording Library Committee Zoom meetings. Recorded meetings would be made available only to Committee Members who might not be able to attend some meetings; they would not be made available to the campus. No decision was made.

Next meeting — Because the second Tuesday of January falls in the middle of J-Term, it was decided to not meet in January. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate Library Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 3:00pm, via Zoom.

There being no further business to discuss, Meyers moved (Drew) that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Lewis

Scribe

ISAC Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022, 3:30 pm on zoom

The International Studies Advisory Council met on January 27, 2022 at 3:30 pm on zoom. Present: Amy Rundstrom, Michelle Warren, Suzanne Maughan, Satoshi Machida, Matt Mims, Po Hu, Megan Hartman Olugbenro Ogurinde, Rachel Hammer. Absent: Theresa Yaw. Guest: Dean Ryan Teten
Members of the Committee welcomed new member from the Library Rachel Hammer, replacing Laurinda Weisse who resigned at the end of 2021.

Lilly asked Dean Teten for an update on the Job search for the Director of International Studies Program. He said it is now going ahead and the ad should be out soon. Once the applications are in, all those on ISAC who have not applied for the position will serve as the Search Committee.

Lilly then provided a series of updates regarding progress on the World Affairs Conferences.

1)the contract for Joy Marshall has been sent through and is with Michael Christen, Director of Business Services. We hope to hear more back soon.

2)the dates for the conference have been finalized for November 14-15 in conjunction with the International Food Fair and the Delfin Conference. This has been made possible in part because Jodi Holt generously gave up control of the Antelope Room. That means all parts of the two conferences can be held simultaneously in NSU.

3)Although we had were considering two speakers for the conference, the fee for the one on Afghanistan recently tripled and is now well out of our price range. Fortunately, Sonia Nazario is still available and interested. The Council then agreed that we should confirm our invitation to her.

4)Lilly asked members about the idea of expanding the Council membership either permanently or at least during WAC years. Members agreed and discussed a variety of possible options, including importantly students.

Then much additional discussion followed regarding other plans for the Conference. One issue concerns the actual conference theme—although we had previously discussed a potential theme of “Crossing Borders” there was some concern that it was very close to the topic from 4 years ago. Mims suggested “Stepping Across the Line” which has slightly different connotations. Other ideas included: “Crossing Lines,” “Crossing the Line,” “Lines, Borders, and Transitions” Conference members agreed to continue thinking about the topic and considering various alternatives before our next meeting on February 10. Other discussions revolved around a desire to come up with some kind of artistic performance—ideally to serve as a kind of “second keynote” for Monday night. Then we will need to be sure to come up with speakers/panels that will appeal to all sections of campus: education, business, arts/humanities, hard sciences in order to ensure broad student participation and faculty buy-in.

Mims also suggested that as part of the recruitment process among the Embassies, we consider asking one or more of the former Embassy participants to write up something about how useful/enjoyable it is. He specifically mentioned the Lithuanian participant (?) from 2018.

Finally, on an unrelated topic Lilly noted that Ann Marie Park’s INTS 400 course got very high evaluations last semester. She is teaching it again this semester—scheduled to start Feb. 28. It currently has only 7 students enrolled, so if you know of students who drop a class and need an extra one, this is an excellent option.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15. Meetings this semester will be on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:30. The next one is Feb. 10.

ISAC Meeting Minutes
Feb. 10, 2022, 3:30 pm on zoom

The International Studies Advisory Council met on Feb. 10, 2022 at 3:30 pm on zoom. Present: Amy Rundstrom, Michelle Warren, Suzanne Maughan, Satoshi Machida, Po Hu, Megan Hartman, Rachel Hammer, Theresa Yaw, Traci Gunderson, Janet Graham, Juan Guzman, Yousef Ghamedi, Tiffani Luethke, Toni Hill, Joy Marshall. Absent: Olugbenro Ogunrinde, Matt Mims

Lilly welcomed new members of the Committee (Traci Gunderson, Janet Graham, Juan Guzman, Yousef Ghamedi, Tiffani Luethke, Toni Hill) in preparation for the World Affairs Conference and introduced them all to the conference coordinator, Joy Marshall.

She noted that she will have a meeting with Dean Teten Feb. 11 with an update on preparations for the search for the next INTS Director.

Discussions then moved to a variety of specific issues regarding the conference and our keynote speaker Sonia Nazario.

1)About livestreaming/recording the conference. How will this take place? Who do we contact for help and information? Luethke agreed to talk to her dept and specifically Jacob Rosdail. Other suggestions were Kyle Means in Creative Services, Mark Ellis, Graduate Dean, Maha Younes, Diversity and Inclusion Officer regarding accessibility requirements.

2)About the Website. It is currently still under the Office of International Education. Gunderson can help edit it, but also we need to talk to Thane Webb and send info to Webmaster@unk.edu. He can best advise us where it should be primarily listed and what is actually possible. Then we can have links in other spots.

3)The Committee agreed that the Conference theme will be: **Crossing the Line**

4)Considerable discussion followed regarding Sonia Nazario's specific presentation. Of the two she suggested to us, Rundstrom described the first as more Inspirational and the other as more Aspirational. There was a lot of support for a talk that would give students a sense for what they could do. However, committee members also had many ideas for one or more local panels that could be focused on activism, whereas Nazario's "Inspirational" talk provides a broader policy based approach. Ultimately, Lilly suggested that she and Marshall ask Nazario to combine aspects of the two talks so that it deals with policy but is also aspirational.

5)Additional suggestions were to invite local refugees to create a panel and to hold a Naturalization ceremony.

6)The current task is to go out to campus and talk with faculty from a wide variety of departments/programs from all Colleges about the theme and ask for THEIR ideas about speakers and panels. The more we faculty input we get, the more student participation we will have.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15. Our next meeting will be March 10, 3:30 pm.

General Studies Council Minutes
February 3, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m.
Warner Conference Room, Warner Hall or via Zoom

**** Approved via Email ****

Present: Jeong Hoon Choi, Nita Unruh, Doug Tillman, Rebecca Umland, Jeff Wells, Joan Blauwkamp, Jeremy Dillon, Joel Berrier, Michelle McKelvey, John Hastings, Noelle Bohaty, Rochelle Reeves, Sri Seshadri, Jessie Bialas, Mark Ellis, Amy Rundstrom, Greg Brown, Joel Cardenas, Beth Hinga, Lisa Neal

Guests: Ryan Teten, Suzanne Maughan Spencer, David Ballinger, Megan Hartman, Ralph Hanson, Annette Moser Lintz, Linda Van Ingen, Nicholas Hobbs, Amanda Sladek, Jim Vaux, Jody Van Laningham, Tiffani Luethke

- I. Call to order:
 - a. Brown welcomed John Hastings to the Council, temporarily replacing Sherri Harms as a CBT appointee through the end of the 2021-22 academic year.
 - b. **Approve agenda:** Berrier/Seshadri moved to approve the agenda. **Motion carried**
 - c. Brown stated one item will be added to the end of the agenda (PSY 250 will no longer count for LOPER 4).
 - d. Minutes from December 3, 2021 and January 19, 2022 meetings (approved via email)

- II. Old Business (Open Items):
 - a. Governance Document
 - i. Only 1 faculty member commented
 1. A few comments:
 - a. Considering that in the search for a new SVC, the title and role are changing, I would recommend you refer to the "Chief Academic Officer" in the document rather than SVCASA.
 - b. The college Ed Policy/Academic Affairs committees do not usually conduct elections within a college -- why not refer the election to the committee in each college that normally does so -- for example, the CAS Oversight committee and its equivalents in the other colleges? (Section VI.B.3)
 - ii. Dillon/Reeves moved to incorporate the comments as changes to the Governance document. **Yes-13/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - iii. Since the final revised version of the Governance document has been approved by the Council, the next step is to forward to the SVCASA for Dr. Bicap's approval. Once approved, the new Governance document will be in effect.

III. New Business:

a. First-Year Seminars / -188 classes

i. Enrollment

ii. Grades – The Council discussed in detail the grade distributions for -126 courses from Fall 2021 and what they indicated about how LOPER 1 is working in the new program.

- Dillon stated 65% of all grades are in the 'A' range and expressed concern that the courses are not rigorous enough to prepare students for college-level courses. Brown confirmed that some students in the Fall focus groups had expressed that their FYS courses were not challenging or intellectually stimulating. One seminar that produced a wider range of grades was "Capitalism: How and Why It Works." Blauwkamp noted that varying grade distributions with some courses/instructors being easier than others were likely to be observed in other categories as well if we had those data to compare.
- Dillon also observed that the failure rate for -126 courses was higher than for Portal courses (9.7% versus 7.6% when considering number of courses rather than number of students). 63 students failed one, two, or all three of their sections of -126 (of 439 students enrolled, so 14.3% failed the seminar, compared to 7.6% who failed their Portal class). He noted that many of those students might have been able to pass if the FYS was structured as one 3-credit class rather than 1+1+1. Blauwkamp agreed that the 24 students who failed just one section probably would have passed with the alternative structure. Wells stated that some of the students who failed two or three sections might have just given up if they knew they failed the first 5-week section, so the 24 students who probably would have passed is a low estimate. Neal also reminded the Council that students whose seminar was scheduled as three 5-week sections did not have the first 8 weeks of the semester to decide whether to withdraw, as they would have if the seminar was one 3-credit course. Reeves asked why those students failed and wanted to know if they just did not show up for class. McKelvey noted that those students might have failed most or all of their other courses too.
- Wells asked Neal if she could get the retention data for the students that failed the FYS and other information that would clarify these matters. What data the Council wanted was discussed and agreed to information about whether those students had enrolled in Spring courses, if they were retaking a FYS, and if so, was it the same seminar or a different one? Further data to include how many of the 63 students had failed their courses across the board and how the failure rate for -126 compares to the previous two years of Portal classes (since most first-time students this Fall were taking -126 courses and Portals this Fall had mainly upper-level students that were grandfathering out of the old GS Program). Neal stated she can get the information. Brown wrapped up this part of the discussion by noting that the Council will continue to study the data and consider what changes to the structure may be indicated.

iii. Tableau Training (Lisa) <https://nuinsight.nebraska.edu>. Neal demonstrated how the Council could access Tableau and the enrollment and grade data for GS courses that the Council members can access there.

b. ITEC 290 Assessment

- Blauwkamp noted that not all instructors put their name on the assessment form. Before the assessment forms are sent out to all GS faculty to collect data for Spring 2022, the forms should be modified to add a line for the instructor to be listed. She also stated the Reflection Questions boxes need to be set up so that the text wraps around rather than cutting off after the first couple of lines. Faculty should be reminded to report only aggregate data and not put student names and grades or other identifying information into the assessment reports (educational privacy issue).
- Brown thanked Vaux for getting the information to him very quickly. He also reminded the Council of Dr. Bicač's charge to evaluate and make a recommendation about ITEC 290 as a LOPER 3 course by November 2022.

c. Call for course proposals?

- Brown asked if there should be a call for courses to be added to the GS Program, particularly for LOPER 9 (14 courses), LOPER 2 (2 courses), and LOPER 3 (2 courses).
- Blauwkamp stated that having 14 courses for LOPER 9 provides students with a lot of choices, and multiple sections of most courses are offered, so meeting enrollment demands is not an issue either. Too many choices can make it difficult for students to decide and lower satisfaction. Even categories like LOPER 2 and 3 with only two courses approved provide students with choices of dates/times, online or f2f, and instructors.
- There was some discussion of whether ENG and COMM should be encouraged to add additional composition and communications classes for students to choose from in LOPERs 2 and 3, or whether other departments could offer courses in those categories. UNL has more course options for written communication in their GS Program than just ENG 101 and 102. Are those courses all offered by the English Department? Amanda Sladek stated that UNL has some specialized Writing Across the Curriculum courses. She further noted that there is no shortage of sections or enrollment capacity in ENG 101 and 102 to meet students' needs for LOPER 2, and the English Department is happy to work with other departments to develop specialized sections of ENG 102 for their students to learn writing skills tied to those disciplines. Tiffani Luethke noted that Communications has offered a SPCH 100 section specially tailored for Health Sciences students and their department also would be happy to work with other departments to provide more specialized options for LOPER 3. Brown observed that transferability would be a concern if the Council approved courses

outside of English and Communications Departments to meet written and oral communications requirements.

- Blauwkamp stated that the category that would benefit from more courses approved is LOPER 1 (only 8 topics offered in the 2021-22 AY, although multiple sections of many of them). Brown stated he will put out a call for proposals for more First-Year Seminar courses.

d. APR – on campus visit March 9 and 10

- Brown stated the APR visit is scheduled for March 9 & 10 and Todd Barteo agreed to join the Review Team, as he served on the APR in 2013 and the team requires a member who was on the previous APR. Thanks to Jessie for catching that omission in the originally announced team.
- Blauwkamp asked when there would be a schedule of meetings that Council members need to attend. Brown stated he is hoping to have a schedule by next week or ASAP.

e. Informational items:

- i. Course Name Change - The Political Science Department has submitted a proposal to rename PSCI 140 (LOPER 7 & 9) from “Democracies Around the World” to “Democracy and Global Citizenship.”
- ii. Course Removal (addition to the agenda) – Neal stated that the Psychology Department has submitted a proposal to remove PSY 250 (LOPER 4) from the General Studies Program. Academic programs that require their students to take that course for LOPER 4 will need to change their programs. Programs that require PSY 250 for BS-science related course requirements but not for General Studies will not need to change.

IV. Other:

V. **Adjournment: Reeves/Blauwkamp moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 4:20 pm.**

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