

University Committee on Academic Governance

Minutes

April 21, 2022



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Present: R. Bell, V. Delgado, K. Dontje, D. Ewoldsen, G. Francsics, L. Graham, T. Grotjohn, T. Jeitschko, M. Kuykendall, J. Lipton, R. Lucas, B. Olivier, D. Rehberger, D. Rivera, T. Silvestri, J. Swada, A. Tickner, D. Troutman, S. Vickery

Absent: T. Burghardt, K. Greenwalt, J. Kovach, H. Ostrovski, K. Sunday

A regular meeting of the University Committee on Academic Governance was held on April 21, 2022 at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom with Chairperson Jack Lipton presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The draft minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

The chairperson, Secretary for Academic Governance Tyler Silvestri, and Senior Associate Provost Thomas Jeitschko gave remarks.

David Ewoldsen moved to adopt the following amendments to the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*:

- 3.3.1.3. The President, the Provost, the Executive Vice President of Health Sciences, one elected member from ASMSU, one elected member from COGS, and the Chairperson of the Athletic Council will serve as ex-officio members of the Faculty Senate, with voice, but no vote.
- 3.4.1.3. The President, ~~and~~ the Provost, and the Executive Vice President for Health Sciences shall be ex-officio members of The Steering Committee. The Secretary for Academic Governance shall be an ex-officio member of The Steering Committee and shall serve as Secretary to The Steering Committee, having voice but no vote. Along with support to academic governance, the Office of Academic Governance will supply clerical and administrative assistance to The Steering Committee.

The motion was adopted following debate.

Vice Chairperson Robert Bell moved to adopt the following amendments to the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*:

Blanket Amendments

- Change all instances of “Vice President for Student Affairs and Services” to “Senior Vice President for Student Life and Engagement”
- Change all instances of “University Committee on Student Affairs” to “University Committee on Student Life and Engagement” and “UCSA” to “UCSLE”
- Change “Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services” to “Division of Student Life and Engagement”

Specific Amendments

- 4.9.1. The University Committee on Student ~~Affairs~~ Life and Engagement (UCSAUCSLE) shall have four faculty members selected by the Faculty Senate. ~~UCSAUCSLE~~ shall have ~~eight~~ twelve student members appointed as follows: six appointees from ASMSU, including the President of ASMSU; two appointees from COGS; one appointee from the Residence Halls Association; one appointee from Fraternity and Sorority Life; one appointee from the University Apartments Council of Residents; and the At-large Student Liaison to the Board of Trustees, as appointed by the Senior Vice President for Student ~~Affairs~~ Life and Engagement ~~and Services~~. ~~UCSAUCSLE~~ appointees are expected to reflect the diversity of their constituencies. The Senior Vice President for Student ~~Affairs~~ Life and Engagement,

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Assistant Vice President for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Assistant Vice President for Student Development and External Relations and Dean of Students, Assistant Vice President of Residence Education and Housing Service, Assistant Vice President for Student Involvement and Leadership, ~~and Services~~ and the University Ombudsperson shall be ex-officio members with voice, but no vote.

- 4.9.2. The chairperson of the UCSAUCSLE shall be a voting member of the University Council. At its first meeting of the academic year, the UCSLE must elect one of its faculty members to represent UCSLE as a voting member of the Faculty Senate.

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- 4.9.5. ~~The UCSAUCSLE shall assume the duties of the Committee on Academic Rights and Responsibilities under the SRR.~~

The motion was adopted following debate.

Members also discussed the number of administrators involved in the committee and also within the university as a whole. The motion was adopted following debate

The chairperson presented a draft of UCAG's annual report, and the committee gave feedback on it.

The committee discussed the nomination of members to several advisory and consultative committees and how nominees would be narrowed down moving forward. The committee agreed by consent to eliminate applicants from consideration based on the number of committees the applicant applied to and whether they identified reasons for wanting to serve on the selected body. The committee set a 5:00 p.m. deadline on May 2 for members to vote electronically, with the top choices being nominated.

The committee continued college bylaw reviews. Gabor Francis moved to approve the draft reports for the bylaws of the College of Natural Science and the College of Social Science. Both motions were adopted by consent following debate.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Tyler Silvestri
Secretary for Academic Governance

Approved: September 29, 2022`