

# University Committee on Academic Governance

Draft Minutes  
August 22, 2024



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**Present:** Teresa Mastin, Elizabeth Gardner, Arthur Versluis, Ahmed Amir, Martin Crimp, John Fitzsimmons, Frank Ravitch, Julia Ezzo, Gerald (Jerry) Urquhart, Diana Bello DeOcampo, Rick Hallgren, Dean Rehberger, Kara Yermak, Angela Wilson, Heidi Pineda

**Absent:** Shawnee Vickery, Mary Juzwik, Daniel Kramer, Gordon Sly, Jiying Ling, Tama Hamilton-Wray, N. Bari Olivier

A regular meeting of the University Committee on Academic Governance was held on August 22, 2024 at 3:16pm via Zoom with Chairperson Dean Rehberger presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the April 4, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

## Remarks

The committee heard remarks from Deputy Secretary for Academic Governance Heidi Pineda, Vice Provost and Associate Vice President for Faculty and Academic Staff Affairs Teresa Mastin, and Chairperson Dean Rehberger.

## Introductions

Committee members and Faculty Senate Chairperson Angela Wilson gave brief introductions.

## Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson/Secretary

The committee agreed by voice vote to postpone the elections for chairperson and vice chairperson/secretary for the 2024-25 academic year until the September 12, 2024 meeting.

## Overview of UCAG's Role and Function

Chairperson Rehberger provided an overview of the committee's Microsoft Teams site structure, which included a review of new orientation materials for members.

## Update on the Honorary Degree Committee<sup>1</sup>

Kara Yermak provided an update on the Honorary Degree Committee that the provost's office is in the process of establishing.

## Bylaw Amendments to the UCUE

Chairperson Rehberger provided an update to the committee concerning the bylaw amendments approved by the committee in the spring 2024 semester. He shared that a vote was not held at the April 16, 2024 University Council meeting to amend the bylaws as recommended by the UCAG, as the provost's office is interested in a more in-depth review of the UCUE's composition. Chairperson

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<sup>1</sup> Chairperson Rehberger re-ordered items on the agenda to first address items that would likely not require as much discussion as others. The items were discussed in the order that they appear in these minutes.

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Rehberger shared that he is waiting on clarification from the provost's office and that the committee should revisit this topic at its next meeting.

## **Electronic meeting rules**

Chairperson Rehberger presented procedures and rules for parliamentary procedure that academic governance bodies should abide by when meetings are hosted electronically. The committee agreed by consent to approve these procedures and rules.

## **Bylaw Amendments to the Athletic Council**

Chairperson Rehberger presented amendments to the bylaws for the Athletic Council. Discussion was held, and revisions were suggested, but the committee lost quorum before the proposed amendments could be approved.

## **Ongoing Bylaw Revision Needs**

This issue was postponed until the next meeting because of the loss of quorum.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

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Heidi Pineda

Deputy Secretary for Academic Governance

**Approved:**