

University Committee on Academic Governance

Minutes

February 11, 2021



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Present: R. Bell, T. Burghardt, L. Dilley, K. Dontje, G. Francsics, T. Grotjohn, Z. Hansen, J. Gaboury, J. Lipton, R. Lucas, D. Miner, D. Puentes, D. Rehberger, D. Rivera, T. Silvestri, L. Sordillo-Gandy, D. Stroupe, J. Swada, A. Tickner, D. Troutman, S. Vickery

Absent: Q. Bell

A regular meeting of the University Committee on Academic Governance was held on February 11, 2021, at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom. Chairperson Amanda Tickner presided, and Secretary for Academic Governance Tyler Silvestri was present. The agenda was approved as distributed. The draft minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

Associate Provost for Academic Services, Enrollment Management and Academic Initiatives John Gaboury gave brief remarks before departing.

Silvestri and the Chairperson provided an update on the use of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion metrics in academic governance.

The Chairperson moved to schedule a special UCAG meeting on April 15, 2021 at 3:15 p.m. The motion was adopted following debate.

Following a request from faculty leadership in the College of Law to consider allowing the College to not elect a representative to the University Committee on Undergraduate Education, the Chairperson moved to amend Section 4.4.1. of the *Bylaws for Academic Governance* to include the bold language below:

The membership of the University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) shall include a faculty member from each college, including a faculty member from the Honors College who is not currently serving as a committee member on another University Standing Committee and a faculty member from the non-college faculty. **Colleges that do not offer undergraduate degree programs may opt out of electing a representative to UCUE by informing the Secretary for Academic Governance; should a college choose to forgo representation on UCUE, the college's seat will remain vacant for the duration of the regularly scheduled term.** UCUE shall also have four undergraduate student members, of whom one must be the Vice President of Academic Affairs of ASMSU, and two graduate student members from COGS. The Provost shall be a member with voice, but no vote.

The motion was adopted following debate.

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The Chairperson led a discussion focused on planning for Provost Teresa K. Woodruff's visit at the March 11 UCAG meeting. Following discussion, the committee agreed by consent to focus the conversation on three topics:

1. The provost's membership on academic governance committees;
2. The provost's decision to delegate responsibilities to Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Norman J. Beauchamp Jr., as memorialized in the [September 21, 2020 memorandum](#) that was co-signed by the provost and President Samuel L. Stanley Jr.; and
3. The expansion of administration affecting academic governance without adequate consultation with academic governance bodies.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler Silvestri".

Tyler Silvestri
Secretary for Academic Governance

Approved: March 11, 2021