

## **UNO Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**March 7, 2023**

### **Attendance**

**Present:** Sarah Black, Chris Broadhurst, Dimitrios Charalampidis, Rachel Clostio, Laszlo Fulop, Ryan Gray, N. Tina Johnson, John Kiefer, David Lambour, Linxiong Li, James Logan, Leszek Malkinski, James Marchant, Randall Menard, Andrea Mosterman, Dinah Payne, Connie Phelps, Lindsey Reno, Steve Rick, Ray Rodriguez, Robert Stufflebeam, Lisa Verner, Michelle Wade,  
**Absent:** Nicola Anthony, Donald Barbe, Angelo Charles, Christy Corey, Adlai Depano, Martin Guillot, Kabir Hassan, Simon Lailvaux, Ariya Martin, James Roe, Brian Seeger, Vincent Yu

**The minutes of the February faculty senate meeting were approved.**

**There was Q & A session with representatives from Canvas. They gave an overview of the company and answered questions from faculty.**

### **Updates from President's Office/Academic Affairs (D. Kruger)**

Academic partnerships should launch in spring 2024 instead of fall.

President Nicklow is looking into renting space on campus in order to diversify income. The Provost will let people know ahead of time if there is going to be a walk-through of any space.

Canvas will save UNO \$100,000 per year for the first three years. After that, the estimated cost is \$8,000 (prorated by campus). DK was impressed with attendance level at Get to Know UNO and he thanked all who were present at the event.

### **Updates from Faculty Senate President (C. Broadhurst)**

CB initiated a discussion about Canvas.

Elections for senators should be held in in April.

CB met with the Deans about college level awards. A form for submitting nominations is in the works. Nominations will be due by the end of May. A committee will make decisions over the summer. Awards will be given at the state of the university address. Other awards Other awards will be brought back. The employee of the year award will be given at the state of the university address.

Academic calendar has been mostly fixed. Changes will be effective fall 2023. Faculty will have 90 days off in the summer, starting in summer 2024. A discussion followed about appropriate compensation for faculty who worked those extra days when they were not compensated. The academic committee will look into it.

### **Updates from the Academic Committee (S. Black)**

Amy King asked that the committee look at chat gpt. They are investigating best practices at other universities. It may be included in the student code of conduct. Discussion followed about chat gpt.

The committee also wants to look into the issue of sabbaticals. They are not very commonly taken at UNO and that may be due to barriers. They also looked into student alert systems being integrated and this is already happening.

**Updates from the Administrative Committee (CB)**

The committee is waiting to hear back about any conflicts between the senate's newly revised policies and administrative policies.

**Updates from the Budget Committee (R. Gray)**

The committee will have a draft of their recommendations about salary compression/inversion at the next senate meeting.