

UNO Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2024

Attendance

Present: Nicola Anthony, Brian Beabout, Kabir Hassan, David Lambour, Marc Landry, Linxiong Li, James Logan, James Mokhiber, Brendan Mott, Dinah Payne, Connie Phelps, Greg Price, Lindsey Reno, Steve Rick, Ray Rodriguez, James Roe, Brian Seeger, Chris Summa, Lisa Verner, Michelle Wade, Ting Wang, Vincent Yu, Phoebe Zito

Absent: Mayar Amouzegar, Donald Barbe, Rachel Clostio, Adlai Depano, Laszlo Fulop, Tina Johnson, John Kiefer, Simon Lailvaux, Coleen Maidlow, James Marchant, Ariya Martin, Andrea Mosterman, Dan Rule, Robert Stufflebeam

Updates from the President's office (K. Johnson)

President Kathy Johnson provided an update. Drafts are due next week for the strategic planning committees. There will be a webpage where the strategic plan will be posted. Enrollment is down. KJ was hoping for an infusion of one-time funding from the State, but this is not coming. She is working on a plan to allow UNO to move forward within its budgetary means. She is exploring community partnerships and meeting with legislators to expand reach of the University. She is considering how to break down barriers to transfer students. The search for Enrollment Management VP is moving along well. The search for a CIO is going forward. This position is needed to improve technology infrastructure at UNO. Discussion followed. Discussion about Library resources followed.

Updates from the Provost's Office (D. Kruger)

Provost Darrell Kruger provided an update. Dr. Scott Pentzer has been appointed as Assistant Provost for International Education. Get To Know UNO is on Saturday. The Chairs and Directors council will be revitalized.

Updates from the Faculty Senate President (S. Rick)

Faculty Senate President Steve Rick provided an update. Senate elections are coming up for college representatives to the Senate Executive Committee and a second election for senators.

Update on Workday (D. Charrier)

Workday student goes live in 33 days. Workday training will start March 11, both in person and virtually. Training for faculty will start in July. There will also be training for travel. Questions and discussion followed.

Update on Committees

Academic committee

Chris Summa provided an update on the academic committee. The committee submitted a Senate resolution asking that the University administration report yearly about sabbaticals, particularly how many applications were received and how many were approved. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The resolution was amended to ask that ten years of history be included. The amendment was then withdrawn. A motion was made to suspend the rules so that the Senate could vote immediately on the motion. The motion was approved. The Senate then voted on the resolution

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