

# UNO Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 5/16/2024

## Roll Call

Present: Coleen Maidlow, Joshua Trochez, Dinah Payne, David Lambour, DJ Min, Ray Rodriguez, Ting Wang, Damon Smith, Satish Bastola, Juana Ibanez, Andrea Mosterman, Ariya Martin, Dan Rule, Max Krochmal, Brian Beabout, Roberto Barrios, Marc Landry, James Mokhiber, Michelle Wade, David Podgorski, Phoebe Zito, Simon Lailvaux, Chris Summa, Rachel Clostio, Connie Phelps, Lindsey Reno.

## Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of prior meeting approved unanimously with no additions or corrections.

## Updates on Workday (D. Charrier)

Last faculty training is today. Training will be transitioned to Canvas.

Two Apps that Faculty have access to, depending on a Faculty member's role:

*Teaching*

*Teaching and Advisor*

You can, within WorkDay, "Create a request" can be typed in to find the form request additional functionality or access either for yourself or for another faculty member.

Lab is open from 8:30AM-3PM during the week

One-On-One Training can be scheduled via Teams

## Updates on the Master Planning and Space Utilization Committee (James Mokhiber and Steven Rick)

Jim Mokhiber: yesterday there was a 3 hour meeting – this Committee is in the process of being revived. There was a free exchange of opinion. Steve and James will try to write a letter that details the charge and the schedules of this committee.

If the campus footprint shrinks, how will this be implemented and it's important that the Faculty Senate has a voice. What buildings serve what function, be it teaching, research, etc. and how is it important to the overall University mission?

We don't really even know what buildings we are talking about. It's important that these decisions are made based on data, which we hope to gather/understand/receive.

Provost: yesterday's conversation was robust and was designed to include shared-governance members.

Can we be assured that when we return from summer break that our offices will still be there? Mark Pyle: The timing has not been worked out yet.

How much does the physical rightsizing go toward closing the \$15m budget gap? It is significant but it's not exactly decided yet. Mark Pyle: Decommissioning a building could free up facilities money to create better environments in the other buildings.

Mark Pyle: 5 pots of money for facilities

*Students (this has diminished by 2/3 since Katrina)*

*General fund*

*State capital money (we haven't gotten any from the state for 2 year)*

*Deferred Maintenance*

Updates from the Faculty Senate President (A. Mosterman)

Andrea is in Executive Cabinet meetings (and Connie Phelps will be filling in for her during some summer travel)

Use (and share) the anonymous comments/questions mechanism so that your concerns can be heard and hopefully addressed

Space Utilization Committee will be meeting over the Summer

Gardner Institute Leadership Team – we are looking for Faculty Representative for that team.

*Focuses on the first 2 years of the student experience*

*Academic and non-academic solutions to help with retention/success*

*How can we raise student success and grow enrollment*

Max Krochmal has been appointed as Faculty Senate Parliamentarian

## Discussion of the Town Hall and Budget Cuts

Motion: to go into executive session to provide a more protected environment that allows non-protected (non-tenured) Senate Faculty members to speak more freely. (This will compel anyone who is not part of the Faculty Senate to leave a sensitive conversation).

14 Yeah, 7 Nay, 2 Abstain – Motion passes (by secret ballot) Dinah Payne leaves prior to vote.

It has been moved that nonvoting members may remain as part of the Executive Session.

## **FACULTY SENATE GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS**

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:30PM