

Minutes
Commission on Faculty Affairs
October 27, 2023
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Burruss 330E and Zoom

Commission Members Present: J. Lemkul (presiding), D. Agud (Faculty Senate), D. Alcorn (Undergrad Student Senate), N. Connors (A/P Senate), L-A. Krometis (Faculty Senate), E. Lavender-Smith (Faculty Senate), L. Liu (Dean), R. Miles (Faculty Senate), R. Panneton (Faculty Senate), E. Plummer (ex officio, for R. Fricker, Provost's Office), R. Purdue (for J. Hawdon, Faculty Senate), K. Tsui (for R. Jin, Faculty Senate), M. Webb (Grad/Prof Student Senate).

Absent with Notice: A. Dayer (Faculty Senate), L. Learman (Dean).

Guests: D. Harris (Policy and Governance), A. Myers, (Office of the VP for Governance and Policy), E. Kim (Faculty Affairs/Provost's Office).

Quorum: J. Lemkul called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. A quorum was present (50%+1 of current membership = 8).

1. Adoption of Agenda. Members of the commission voted unanimously to adopt the agenda via PollEverywhere.

2. Approval of October 13, 2023, Commission on Faculty Affairs (CFA) Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and minutes were approved via PollEverywhere.

3. Reports from Senates.

- A/P Faculty Senate: Ongoing discussions on job architecture project.
- Staff Senate: No reports; currently waiting to fill this seat on CFA.
- Grad/Prof Senate: Planning to have someone from Sexual Violence Prevention Initiative give guest talk at the next meeting.
- Undergraduate Senate Report: Ongoing discussions on USS cabinet resignations.
- Faculty Senate: Recently had first reading on several resolutions, discussed parking updates.

4. Old Business.

- A. **Appointment to University Employee Benefits Committee.** A new CFA representative is needed to sit on the University Employee Benefits Committee. This role entails the recommendation of policies in matters relating to employee benefits and would represent the concerns of the CFA. D. Agud volunteered for this position.
- B. **Second Reading: CFA 2023-2024A Resolution to Revise the Description of Faculty Senate Standing Committees in the Faculty Senate Constitution.** J. Lemkul reported that there were no comments from other senates, and the suggested revisions to the constitution remain unchanged in the resolution. Key changes included removing references to the Faculty Handbook, the clarification of language around scholarly activities, and the clarification of language around external Faculty Senate standing committees. **The resolution was voted on and unanimously approved.**

5. New Business.

- A. **Discussion on University Council request for governance feedback.** J. Lemkul began with an overview of seven discussion questions, suggestions for improvement, and solicitation for other comments. CFA members provided initial impressions of appropriate

responses and shared experiences. Commission members agreed to continue this discussion at the following meeting. J. Lemkul committed to drafting an initial response for the consideration of commission members.

6. Open Discussion. No open discussion.

7. Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and **members of the commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:03 pm.**

Next meeting: November 10, 2023 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.