



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Dec. 5th, 2025 11:00 am

Call to order: Darrel called the meeting to order at 11:04 am

Attendance: Darrel Malamisura, Dharshana Arachchi, Julie Orr, Vincenet Mateescu, and Provost Sarita Rhonemus.

Approval of minutes: There was not a quorum so minutes could not be voted on.

President's Report: The President was not in attendance to give a report.

Provost's Report: Sarita shared there is now a process in place to hold all transcripts of students that have not paid their bills. Also, graduation rights will also be withheld. This is effective immediately.

The new Student Learning and Licensure program that will replace Livetext will be in place for Spring 2026 at least on a trial basis.

The language in the HEPC policy related to being able to drop students for non-participation seems ambiguous and open to interpretation. It is possible this has been interpreted wrong and faculty may gain their rights back to drop students.

Sarita is now getting the messages from coaches related to excused absences properly and we should be on track with that.

Sarita asked for numbers on how many students had not returned from Thanksgiving break related to taking exams early. No numbers were provided by the faculty present. The COHS had none that did not return. A long discussion took place on the hardships students face when the dorms close down for the week of Thanksgiving. Those that live far away if they can't go home, they have nowhere to be (even the athletes that are in season). They also have no food since the cafeteria is closed. So many wrongs as far as international and recruited students from far away.

Committee Meetings: Darrel Reported that P&T committee had met and they are working on a process that would allow non-Tenure Track or Clinical Track employees to be able to move to a Tenure track title. This will be drafted and sent to the Provost for review.

An Honors College meeting took place on Dec. 2nd to discuss the Honors student's rights to be placed in the "Honor's" cottages. At this meeting there was no true commitment from Administration of giving the Honors College students priority of the Cottages for housing.

New Business: There have been instances where Administration and/or athletics have infringed upon classroom/program policies related to student's grades or conduct. Also, there was discussion of private information from student issues that have no FERPA on file being relayed to parents and this did NOT come from faculty. This also led into a discussion/complaint that faculty are having to smell and breathe the overwhelming smell of Marijuana on students. Who should monitor this in the dorms and/or classroom? Are there any ramifications for students that come to class High...or even driving for that matter.

Adjournment: At 12:35pm with no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Dharshana and it was seconded by Vincent. All were in favor.