



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Academic Senate Meeting

Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2025

The Academic Senate met at 4:00 PM on April 2, 2025, Debartolo Hall Rm 132. Attendance at the meeting has been logged separately from these recorded minutes. This meeting was video recorded and will be made available, along with, supporting documentation for presentations made during the senate meeting separately.

The meeting was called to order by Dr Chet Cooper, Chair. Dr Bob Kramer certified that quorum was present (Excused absences: Dr Dessalegn Guyo). The agenda for today's meeting was approved by the senate majority with an addition related to a report from Dr Martha Pallante of the Governance Committee (added under Committee Reports as item E). The recording of minutes from the March 12th meeting was approved by the senate majority.

The meeting began with a report from the Executive Committee by the chair, Dr Chet Cooper. Dr Cooper was contacted by the chair of the Student Success Task Force who reported that many of the committee's current tasks were being performed by other committees on campus. The chair of the committee requested disbanding of the committee. Through executive action by Dr Cooper, the Student Success Task Force has been disbanded. No objections were raised from the senate body.

Dr Bob Kramer, chair of the Elections and Balloting Committee had announcements to make. Elections for some departmental senators and all at-large and part-time senator positions will be conducted soon. Dr Bob Kramer to reach out to members of Election and Balloting Committee to start the process for elections. Encouraged senate members to nominate individuals for these roles for the upcoming year. Dr Cooper clarified that the elected positions will be faculty only. Dr Cooper emphasized the importance of the senate and asked for members to encourage others to consider becoming engaged with the senate.

Senate Committee Reports

- Academic Programs report and Undergraduate Committee report were approved unanimously by the senate body.

Dr Matt O'Mansky, chair of the Academic Integrity Committee delivered a report:

- Dr O'Mansky thanked members of the committee for their work.
- Academic integrity committee conducted a survey, found issues with awareness of policies and procedures, and is working on simplifying the reporting process.
- Committee is considering including educational sanctions instead of just punitive sanctions for student conduct.
- A brief discussion ensued.
- Dr Pallante added confirmation from the Ohio Faculty Council meeting last Friday that academic integrity and generative AI is being explored.

Dr Cary Wecht, chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee delivered a report:

- Student course feedback survey data should be interpreted in context and considered alongside other sources of information.
- Departments should establish consistent standards for interpreting student feedback data.
- Consider adding capabilities to watermark for better descriptive data in reports.
- Discussion ensued. Questions raised regarding compliance with Senate Bill 1 requirements.

Dr Martha Pallante, chair of the Governance Committee delivered a report:

- The governance committee recommends that three Senate committees go dormant and one pause for reconfiguration.
- Recommendation made to move Strategic Planning Committee, Design Committee, and Academic Publications Committee go dormant.
- Recommendation made for the Belonging, Empowerment, and Engagement (BEE) Committee (renamed from Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee) to pause for reconfigurations and realignment.
- End of year committee worksheets to be completed by end of the month. Martha to send out emails as a reminder.
- Discussion ensued. A point was made to consider starting a new committee instead of pausing the current one.
- Recommendation motion approved by majority vote.

This concluded the senate reports for this session.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

No new business was conducted.

Dr Chet Cooper reminded everyone that the next Senate meeting will be on 4-23-25. Dr Cooper also mentioned that the next meeting will most likely run from 4:00-5:30 pm that day. Dr Cooper adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by:

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