

University Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015

I. At 3:32, the Chair called for a moment of remembrance for JeanAnn Dabb, Professor of Art and Art History

II. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 by Chair, Anand Rao.

Members Present: Marie Scheckels (COE), John Broome (COE), Janine Davis (COE), Deb O'Dell (CAS), Kurt Glaeser (CAS), Chuck Whipkey (CAS), Margaret Ray (CAS), David Ambuel (CAS), Paul Fallon (CAS), Marie Wellington (CAS), Rosalyn Cooperman (CAS), David Rettinger (CAS). Gregg Stull (at-large), Anand Rao (at-large); Kristin Marsh (at-large), Dave Henderson (COB), Ken Machande (COB),

Members, ex-officio: Jonathan Levin (Provost), Alex Obolensky (SGA Representative – ex officio)

Members Absent: Woody Richardson (COB), Rick Hurley (President, ex-officio)

Others in attendance: Marie McAllister (CAS), Kevin McCluskey (CAS), Rachel Graefe-Anderson (COB), John Morello (Associate Provost), Nina Mikhalevsky (COE), Lynne Richardson (CoB),

III. Reports were received from the President, Provost, Deans of Arts and Sciences, Education and Business, SGA Representative, and UFC Chair.

The minutes from the previous meeting and the action items presented from various University level committees were unanimously passed as a group.

IV. Old Business. The UFC discussed the questions and format of the Faculty Morale Survey and whether it should be administered by the UFAC to all faculty members of the University. Specific concerns about the questions and format included the ability for colleges to add questions pertaining only to their specific college and who has the ability to review the surveys. A motion was made to have the UFC ask the UFAC to administer the Faculty Affairs Morale Survey immediately after the November 23, 2015, UFC meeting, and allow individual colleges the ability to add questions to the survey up until November 23rd. The motion passed unanimously. The UFAC will collect the results from the survey and will share those results with the UFC and individual colleges.

The results of the Alternative Course Model Faculty Straw Poll Results we discussed, but no action was taken on the results.

New Business. The University Academic Affairs committee submitted a proposal about how the University handles short term military absences. This proposal was tabled.

Kevin McCluskey reported to the UFC about the results from the CAS Ad Hoc committee he chaired on the Electronic Submission of Materials for Promotion & Tenure. After a favorable discussion by the UFC members about the possibilities of this idea, the UFC Chair was tasked with assembling an ad hoc committee consisting of members from all colleges to continue to work on this matter.

The committee discussed the University Academic Affairs committee proposal to change the Admissions Policies for the Master of Business Administration Degree program to allow for waivers of the GMAT requirement. A motion to approve the proposal passed with a vote of 13-2, with one abstention.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the UFC is on Monday, November 23, 2015, at 3:30 pm, in the Hu ley Convergence Center's Digital Auditorium.