

**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**November 23, 2021**  
**WebEx, 11:30AM-1:30PM**

1. Convening of the meeting  
The meeting started at 11:30AM
2. Voting Members Present: I. Gatley, H. Grebel, A. Rosato, M. Bandelt, X. Ding, E. Michalopoulou, A. Gerbessiotis, B. Khusid, R. Goodman, S. Adamovich, A. Kosovichev, Y. Perl, P. Armenante, A. Zarzycki, L. Rodriguez-Freire, D. Horntrop, D. Bunker, E. Thomas, R. Rojas-Cessa, E. Farinas, U. Roshan, J. Shi, Q. Jones, A. Klobucar (stand in for N. Steffen-Fluhr), M. Vinnikov, S. Cai, G. Esperdy, A. Borgaonkar, D. Blackmore, N. Maher
3. Non-Voting Members Present: K. Belfield, M. Sharobim, M. Kam, B. Baltzis, A. Hoang, S. Corchado, F. Deek, K. Sandell, B. Kolarevic, M. Stanko, A. Hoang, J. Sodhi. A. Dhawan, L. Hamilton
4. Guests Present: Grace Wang (Computer Science), Jim Geller (Data Science), David Bader (Data Science), Amitabha Bose (Mathematical Sciences), Laurent Simon (Undergraduate Studies), Sotirios Ziavras (Graduate Studies), Charnette Hockaday (Dean of Students), Marybeth Boger (Dean of Students), Melodi Guilbault (MTSM), Jeremy Reich (OIE), Mohamad Saadeghvaziri (Civil & Environmental Engineering), Rafeeza Shahabudeen (Humanities)
5. Approval of the November 9, 2021 meeting minutes  
Motion to approve the minutes by A. Gerbessiotis and seconded by E. Thomas. The minutes were unanimously approved.
6. Report of the Faculty Senate President
  - Campus Survey results: Dale McLeod will present at the 12/14 meeting
  - 2025 Strategic Plan kick off meeting was on November 22 in Fenster 398
  - CDO Search: waiting to meet with Dale to discuss process being used
  - Egypt Campus: will send J. Bloom and Board of Trustees summary document with reports from the 11/9 approved motion upon completion of the CSRSCAA report on section 5 of the agreement related to intellectual property.
7. MS in Artificial Intelligence (YWCC) - Grace Wang  
Grace Wang gave her presentation on the proposed MS in Artificial Intelligence program. Explained why a new Masters in AI program is needed with articles in newspapers and job market predictions. Presented the current process and next steps after Faculty Senate approval would be program announcement with external review. Motion to approve: To move the program forward to next steps by G. Wang and seconded by M. Bandelt. A. Gerbessiotis commented that the program will be housed in the Data Science department. Motion was approved with 1 abstention.

8. PhD in Data Science (YWCC) - Jim Geller  
Jim Geller gave his presentation on the new PhD in Data Science program. Topics covered: Background information and the current process the program is going through. Signed MoU for PhD in Data Science with YWCC, MTSM, and Mathematical Sciences was also mentioned. Motion: To approve the new PhD in Data Science program that will be housed in the Data Science department with Mathematical Sciences to move forward to the next step. Motion to approve by Jim Geller and seconded by M. Banedlt. Motion was approved unanimously.
9. Process of Identifying Additional Finalist for Presidential Search  
E. Thomas spoke about the initial search process: met applicants and interviewed them, 3 candidates were brought to the BOT, Search Committee met with 2 and 1 withdrew their candidacy. The Search Firm continued to look at more candidates and added another person. This person went through the same interview process and was added as an official candidate. Y. Perl commented on the additional finalist for the Presidential Search. Y. Perl makes a motion that is seconded by A. Zarzycki. Motion calls for the Senate to send a letter to the Board of Trustees claiming that the addition of the new finalist was improper, and explain why, and request that the Board negotiates with the Faculty Senate about continuation of the search properly according to EEO rules. Q&A with discussion and vote. The motion did not pass with 10 no, 8 yes, and 7 abstentions. D. Blackmore proposed new language to the previous motion: The Faculty Senate has questions about the way the last candidate for the President was selected. We invite the Chair of the Board of Trustees to appear before the Faculty Senate to explain why and how it was done. Q&A with discussion and vote. Y. Perl seconded this motion. The motion passed with 14 yes, 10 no, and 1 abstention.
10. Dean of Students - Academic Integrity  
Dean Marybeth Boger and Charnette Hockaday from the Dean of Students Office both presented on Academic Integrity. Topics discussed: why students cheat, philosophy on working with students, 2 year comparison of reported incidents, importance of reporting, reporting process, process overview, case determinations, and training and education. Q&A with discussion followed.
11. CGE Report  
**PhD in Chemistry:** Motion to approve by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved.  
**PhD in Environmental Science:** Motion to approve by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved.  
**MS in Computer Science:** Motion to approve by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved.  
**MS in Computer Engineering:** Motion to approve by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved.  
**MS in Power and Energy Systems:** Motion to approve by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved.

12. CUE Report  
**Double Major in Physics and Law, Technology, and Culture (Astronomy Option and Optical Science and Engineering Option):** Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved.  
**Minor in History:** Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved.  
**Bachelor of Architecture:** Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved.
13. New Business  
No New Business
14. Adjournment  
Motion to adjourn by A. Rosato and seconded by D. Blackmore. Meeting ended at 1:32PM.