FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

**3:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 2022**

# Room 412 Student Union

**AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of the May 10, 2022 Minutes

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Special Reports:

A. Karen Flaherty – Covid Equity Working Group

5. President’s report and comments on matters of interest to the faculty

A. Jerome Loughridge and Eddy Crosby – Strategy Plan update

6. Provost’s report on recommendations made by the Faculty Council and comments on matters of interest to the faculty

7. Vice President’s reports and comments on matters of interest to the faculty

8. Faculty Council Chair’s report

9. Reports of Liaison Representatives –

1. Wellness – Kim Beard



1. Staff Advisory Council – Michelle Stewart

Staff Advisory Council is currently working on their objectives and events for the year. We're making a push for getting more awareness of the group out to new employees and addressing some questions asked of the group.

c. Student Government Association (SGA)

* SGA has been working on preparing for New Student Convocation and the upcoming Inauguration.
* We are also working on establishing a new mental health initiative for students to use during pre-finals week and beyond. It will focus on mind-body mental health resources and emphasizes at-home methods to calm anxiety and panic, which is particularly useful during stressful times as pre-finals and finals week. While we do not have all the details yet, we are hoping to secure a university partnership prior to fully committing. We hope this is a resource that faculty and staff can use as well, though that remains to be seen and will hopefully be clarified in the near future.
* Additionally, SGA is working on securing a Pete's Pantry location in the library to provide more flexible hours. We are in the planning stages of a Red Pantry expansion that will provide basic hygiene products in addition to menstrual products. These may include (but are certainly not limited to) travel-sized shampoos, bar soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, etc. We also plan to explore partnerships to access a more diverse set of protein sources that is inclusive of all our students. I welcome any thoughts or concerns from members of the Faculty Council on these initiatives.

d. Graduate and Professional Student Government Association (GPSGA) – Marcia Sun

**Fall Student Organization Fair**

The Student Organization Fair will be held August 18 in the Student Union Ballroom. Representatives from GPSGA will be in attendance. Students with questions or concerns are encouraged to stop by the booth.

**General Assembly Meeting Information**

The GPSGA General Assembly Meetings for Fall 2022 are scheduled to be held at 5.30pm CDT, on the following dates. A meeting link and location will be provided closer to the date.

· August 31, 2022 – online via Zoom

· September 28, 2022 (Welcome Reception/Meeting) – Student Union Ballroom

· October 19, 2022 (TBA)

· November 16, 2022 (TBA)

**First General Assembly Meeting Information**

The first General Assembly Meeting of Fall 2022 will be held at 5:30 PM CDT in an online format (Zoom) on Wednesday, August 31. The link to participate in the meeting remotely sent out via email the day before the meeting. This is an informational session, and there will be no invited speaker for this meeting.

**GPSGA Membership Application**

All continuing and new GPSGA Representatives/Liaisons are requested to fill out the “GPSGA Membership Application” form that can be accessed through the GPSGA Canvas page under the “Assignment” tab. The form will be available starting August 24, 2022.

**Travel Grants**

More details will be provided regarding travel grants at our first General Assembly Meeting on August 31.

e. Graduate Council – Rebecca Sheehan

*Commencement Survey.* Dr. Lovern reported the response rate of the QR code survey from the Graduate Commencement Ceremony was about 8-9% of the total students (approximately 50) that were at commencement. It will be offered again with modifications to improve the response rate.

*Probation Terminology Handout.* Dean Tucker provided the article, “Positive Change for Negative Labels,” from *Inside Higher Education* which facilitated Council in discussing “probation” terminology and its association with criminal activity. It was noted again that the term “academic notice” already is used in the Graduate College letters, and terms like “qualified admission” could be substituted. Discussion will continue at the September meeting.

*APC Items.* The following were approved by Council:

Program Modifications:

* + - 1. Ph.D. Educational Leadership and Policy – change in required courses
      2. M.S. Hospitality, Tourism and Management – change from 32 to 30 hours
      3. Ph.D. Civil Engineering – change admission to Ph.D. to 60 hours post Bachelor’s

New Program:

1. Graduate Certificate in Digital Design

*Reminder: April 15 CGS Resolution Vacation.* Effective Spring 2023, OSU is no longer obligated to the CGS Resolution. Units (e.g., graduate programs, auxiliary units, academic advising offices) making financial offers are required to provide applicants appropriate time to consider offers. The OSU Graduate Council has set a minimum consideration time of two weeks or 14 calendar days post official, written notification (e.g., via the Slate portal) for applicants to accept offers of financial support (e.g., a graduate fellowship, scholarship, assistantship or traineeship). Acceptance of such an offer by a prospective or enrolled graduate student is an agreement that both student and graduate program are to honor. Acceptance of a financial offer commits the individual not to accept another offer without first notifying the institution to which the original commitment was made.

10. Reports of Standing Committees:

a. Academic Standards and Policies: Kathy Curry – No Report

b. Athletics: Susan Stansberry – No Report

c. Budget: Maria Ma – No Report

d. Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Bruce Noden – No Report

e. Diversity: Divya Jaroni – No Report

f. Faculty: James Knapp – No Report

g. Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Kris Hiney – No Report

h. Research: Yongwei Shan – No Report

i. Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Lisa Slevitch – No Report

j. Rules and Procedures: Karen Neurohr – Update

Faculty Council Bylaw amendments\*

k. Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Heather Yates – Update

11. Unfinished Business –

12. New Business –

13. Adjournment -

*\*Attached*

Summary of Bylaw changes:

1. Agenda Item 10
   1. Currently reads: Reports of standing committees
   2. Modification: Reports of standing committees and special committees
   3. Reasoning: there is no place currently within the agenda for special committees (as defined in VIII. A. C) to provide a report.
2. Standing Committees, Nominating Committee principles
   1. Remove statement (3) The Faculty Council Chair should not serve on any of the Standing Committees of the Faculty Council.
   2. Reasoning: The Rules and Procedures Standing Committee is made up of the four FC officers, therefore, the FC Chair is needed to serve on this standing committee.
3. Standing Committees, Rules and Procedures Committee
   1. Currently reads: …shall be composed of the four current officers of Faculty Council.
   2. Modification: …shall be composed of the four current officers of Faculty Council plus one or more Faculty Council Members.
   3. Reasoning: Allowance of additional member(s) on the Rules and Procedures Committee for those interested and willing.