## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes Date: 11/21/24; **12:30 pm, Walker 3-63 and Zoom**

Roster

Guests:

Business Type	Item Description	Action	Follow Up Plan
	Time: ~1235 Presiding: Dr. Jeffrey Anderson Recording: Hilary Tice		

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syllabus template. A senator asked how the excused	
absence policy works with the 75% rule of attendance and	
whether there should be a statement added in the	
University catalog to divide excused vs unexcused absences	
as it applies to the 75% rule. Senator Tice provided an	
interpretation that excused absences c/would be applied to	
the attendance policy and count towards absences. A	
senator mused whether this had been done in the past,	
whether it should be included now and whether line 3	
should have something added to it? A discussion ensued	
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about how the role of excused absences would interplay	
with the attendance policy and whether programs or	
Colleges need to have a delineation. Various senators	
shared how their Colleges rely heavily on student	
attendance during practice experiences and to meet	
curricular obligations for accreditation. They also shared	
that absences that are excused allow students to make up	
missed work where that opportunity is not provided to	
students with unexcused absences. Senator Anderson	
suggested that a University catalog revision could address	
this issue which would then be reflected in the faculty	
handbook. He proposed to have the issue addressed	
during the next faculty handbook revision. A senator	
supplemented the proposal by mentioning that SACSCOC	
minimum requirements should be adhered to for the	
University body, with the intent to leave it up to programs	
to add more stringent requirements to this as needed.	
Another senator mentioned that attendance requirements	
for financial aid would also need to be considered.	
The discussion over the funeral leave section garnered	
input with a senator praising the inclusion of the wording	
that supervisors can be contacted to request extended	
leave.	
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Handbook with the updated changes. Senator McGuire	
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motioned to approve with senator Jones seconding the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 15 out of 16, with one abstention. A senator asked where the approved handbook will go next and what additional processes of revision would follow. Senator Anderson provided his interpretation pertaining to both of these matters. An action item was identified to have the handbook committee determine whether the VPAA/ Provost is part of the handbook committee.

-PT: update provided by Senator Tice regarding the Congratulatory letter. There was a brief review of the contents of the letter with the inclusion of a gift card to each person successfully completing the process. The senate, and having a larger pool of senators to fill the standing committees. The major concern voiced in changing back to 15:1 was the ability to fill the extra senate seats. A question was then posed as to what the procedure would be in filling the new seats. Senator Anderson provided that the current process would be used where faculty afgetsied to argeford the available seats. If enough faculty are not generated in this manner, then the senate President could reach out to directors for recommendations and then contact those individuals to determine if they are interested in running. Other thoughts shared were: 1) members then there is no chance of getting a larger body; therefore, trying to increase the body would help

determine the level of interest and

2024 2-100% online major change policy 3-AA00x.x CourseModalities v02 4-CPL-PLA Policy Draft for	Senator Anderson shared that the polices posted were sent to him by Dr. Arant last week. This review will be a second round of review to make sure updates made address issues that were brought forward initially. Senator Anderson shared that he thought the initial issues found had been addressed.	Senators were asked to send Senator Anderson feedback by TU noon to allow him to send them to Dr. Arant by the Thanksgiving break.
submission Time: ~1357		