

Faculty Senate Retreat Minutes

18 August 2023

Senators present: Kyle Mara, Brandon Field, Peter Whiting, Erin Reynolds, Jessica Mason, Shannon Pritchard, Tod Schroer, Rob Dickes, Shane White, Jiaying Liu, Guoyuan Huang, Marilyn Ostendorf, Nicholas Rhew

Additional attendees: Jason Hardgrave, Shelly Blunt, Ron Rochon.

Held in Griffin Center Breakout Rooms

- Called to order: 9:07 am
- Icebreaker questions to get to know one another.
- List of past charges distributed. All charges from last year are either resolved or in holding patterns waiting on action from another group. Kyle will be following up with the ones that continue to need our attention.
- Brainstorming discussion of charges that might be submitted and other discussion.
- Brandon Field was nominated as Secretary, and was elected with one opposing vote.
- Nicholas Rhew was nominated as Vice Chair, and was elected with two abstentions.
- Nick agreed to run a primer session on Robert's Rules at one of our future meetings.
- President's report:
 - National discussion about value of college education.
 - Important to retain students from year to year.
 - CEOs of companies in the region love our graduates, and are impressed with the programs at USI
- Next meeting: September 1st.
- Meeting adjourned for lunch: 11:45am.

Minutes submitted by Brandon Field, reelected Senate Secretary.

