



August 15, 2024

Meeting Minutes

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – Nicholas Rhew, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00am.
- II. ROLL CALL – Nicholas Rhew called the roll.
 - a. Faculty Senators Present: Amie McKibban (At-Large), Peter Whiting (At-Large), Nicholas Rhew (Romain College of Business), Todd Schroer (College of Liberal Arts), McManus Woodend (College of Liberal Arts), Brett Anderson (College of Liberal Arts), Jessica Mason (College of Nursing and Health Professions), Jenna Thacker (College of Nursing and Health Professions), Zachary Ward (College of Nursing and Health Professions), Guoyuan Huang (Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education), Kyle Mara (Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education), Kate Sherrill (Rice Library)
 - b. Alternates: Prasenjit Ghosh (Alternate for Jiaying Liu, Romain College of Business),
 - c. Faculty Senators Absent without Alternate: Nancy Kovanic (Romain College of Business), Susan Ely (Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education)
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the April 26, 2024, and June 21, 2024, meetings were approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. PRESIDENT, PROVOST, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
 - a. Interim President Bridges provided general updates and reminders about orientation and likely traffic delays and addressed senators' questions.
 - b. Interim Provost Blunt provided updates on enrollment, instructor promotion path implementation, SEA 202, and construction and addressed senators' questions.
 - c. Interim Assistant Provost Hardgrave provided reminders about travel requests, academic integrity reports, and care reports.
- V. FACULTY SENATE CHAIR REPORT
 - a. Nichols Rhew discussed updates to the charge form and goals for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of Faculty Senate's business.
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE
- VII. OLD BUSINESS – NONE



VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nominations and Elections of Faculty Senate officers:
 - i. Kyle Mara was nominated to serve as the 2024-2025 Faculty Senate Vice-Chair and, as the only nominee, was elected by acclamation.
 - ii. Susan Ely was nominated to serve as the 2024-2025 Faculty Senate Secretary and, as the only nominee, was elected by acclamation.
- b. Motion to create an Ad hoc committee on Faculty Senate reform

The Faculty Senate chair moved to establish an ad hoc committee, chaired and appointed by the Faculty Senate chair, on Faculty Senate reform to examine and propose revisions where necessary to the Faculty Constitution and/or By-Laws regarding senator and officer term lengths, size and nature of representation from each college/library and at large, officer roles, election procedures, charges and composition of standing committees, flow of business from standing committees to Faculty Senate, formalizing the charge process, and other issues related to promoting the effective operation of the Faculty Senate. The ad hoc committee will complete its work and report on its process and recommendations, if any, by December 1st, 2024.

Kyle Mara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. Jessica Mason agreed to serve as Faculty Senate's representative on the Campus Store Advisory Committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Nicholas Rhew adjourned the meeting at 11:51am.