

Faculty Senate Meeting
13 May 2025

Campus Center, Ballroom B, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

1. Convening of the Meeting—Andrzej Zarzycki, President
2. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on 22 April 2025 (5 minutes)
3. Report of the Faculty Senate President (5 Minutes)
 - a. Senate (Re)Elections
 - i. New senators 2025-28: Yuanwei Zhang, Ala Saadeghvaziri, William Pennock, Hye Yeon Nam, Fatemeh Ahmadpoor, Michael Ehrlich, Selina Wenbo Cai, Chang Yaramothu, Eric Fortune (2025-26)
 - Dan Bunker will be on sabbatical.
 - b. Vice-President of the FS for 2025-26: Looking for volunteers,
 - c. FS meetings and IFMs for 2025-26.
 - i. FS: (Fall) 9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2,
 - ii. FS: (Spring) 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/31, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12
 - iii. IFM: 10/22, 12/3, 2/18, 3/25, 4/29
4. Provost Updates, John Pelesko (10 minutes)
 - Federal developments
 - Provost will keep everyone informed
 - Stop gap funding program – put in place for ppl grants that have been terminated.
 - Faculty have been impacted by having their funding blocked.
 - Develop impact statements for tenured faculty, ensuring they are included and considered in tenure applications.
 - National Science Foundation – huge chunk of our funding... Largest single driver. 3rd to a half of research comes from the NSF.
 - NSF & NIH – On new awards (Monday morning a complaint has been filed.
 - 15 % rate. No action on this case.
 - NSF- Massive reorganization (37 divisions have been eliminated)
 - They are reorganizing it in cluster (5 priorities areas)
 - Work of the task force will continue over the summer (Wunmi & Bill Brady)

5. CUE Updates + Motions, David Hornthrop (10 Minutes)

- HCAD – Andrzej second, motion approve
- INFO- Andrzej second, motion approve
- BS in web- Haim second, motion approve
- CEE- Haim second, motion approve
- SAET – Haim second, motion approve
- Medical informatics (minor) – Haim second, motion approve
- Smart Living Tech Minor- Andrzej second, motion approve
- CEE – Minor in Chemistry- Haim second, motion approve
- ECE- Haim second, motion approve
- MATH- Data Science- Haim second, motion approve
- Computational Math Minor- Haim second, motion approve
- HSS- BA Theatre Arts- Haim second, motion approve
- Policy Update: Repetition Policy- Haim Second, motion approve

6. CGE Updates + Motions, Sotirios Ziavras (10 Minutes)

- a. Motion for BS/MS acceleration – Motion carries
- b. MS in AI changes – Haim second, motion carries
- c. MS in CS changes – Haim second, motion carries
- d. MS in Cybersecurity and Privacy changes – Haim second, motion carries
- e. MS in DS Computational track changes – Haim second, motion carries
- f. PhD in DS changes – Haim second, motion carries

7. NCE New Programs, Moshe Kam (15 minutes) -Presentation

- a. Robotics Engineering (B.S.)
 - Haim second motion- Motion carries. (Description of the motion is at the end of the presentation)
 - Questions and concerns follow.

8. Motion for the Second Vice-President, Fadi Deek (10 minutes)

- To designate one member from the Faculty Senate executive committee as a second vice president
- Andrzej second, motion carries

9. FS/IFM Voting, Daniela Medina and Justine Krawiec (10 minutes) Presentation

- ADoodle
- New! Votebox – in person, online, hybrid meeting. Live voting
 - Admin needs to install the software...
 - Attendance check
 - Data security

10. CITLAR Update, Ann Hoang (10 minutes) **Presentation**

- Transition to Open Athens Authentication
- Cancellation rubric to library resources
 - Gap analysis
 - Federal funding impacts libraries
- Open Access Publishing
 - Publish agreements
 - Full Hybrid and Green OA

11. IST Update, Alex Pacheco (10 minutes) **Presentation**

- New software and tools
- Research and security
- Digital Accessibility Tools
- Software Licenses
- Released new products (Box.com, GitHub Enterprise Cloud) Replacing GITLAB

12. No new business.