

Minutes

Lecturers and Educators Congress

Sept. 28, 2022

4:30-5:30PM – in person meeting, Fenster 590

Present: Maria Stanko (President), Jaskirat Sodhi (Vice President), Catherine Siemann (Secretary), John Esche (HSS), Ken Horwitz (Math), Geri Milano (CivE), Robert Platt (HSS), Nellone Reid (Chem E), Ryan Tolboom (Informatics), John Yarotsky (Biology), Chris Zeiner (Engineering Tech)

Online: Miriam Lafuente (MTSM), Swapnil Moon (MechE), Dipesh Patel (Informatics), Rafeeza Shahabudeen (HSS), Matthew Toegel (Informatics),

I. President's Report

- New President and administration
- Search committees for Provost and other new administrators – LEC representatives Ryan Tollboom & Robert Platt are members of the committee. To advocate for teaching in general and for NTT faculty as a whole. Timeline is that they're hoping to have someone selected by March and in place by the summer.
- Searches underway for a new diversity officer and new CIO – no formal LEC involvement but there will be forums and etc.
- Committee rep/s needed for TLT – Maria and Geri are on the committee representing their departments, but the LEC has 2 seats, and both are currently open.
- December event planning – if people have ideas about an event for not only LEC reps but also other Lecturers, please share them.

II. Committee Reports

- a. Faculty Senate - Jaskirat/Maria – Committee on Lecturers’ proposal was passed by Faculty Senate – formerly default department rules were that lecturers were not voting members, and departments could change. The new default is that lecturers are voting members on everything but promotion & tenure and department chairs. Departments have to set up bylaws to take the vote away from lecturers. Some departments are already not complying.
- b. Ad Hoc Committee on Lecturers – Jaskirat – At the last Faculty Senate meeting, teaching faculty ranks were on the agenda. Jaskirat & Andrew Klobucar will present at the Faculty Senate on our research on status in comparable institutions. Discussion that only teaching is the job description, and that research, committee work, etc. is just a bonus. However, there is a service component for senior lecturers/associate teaching professor. Next FS meeting: October 11th 11:30-1:30.
- c. CFRR – Geri – new chair, Dan Bunker. Report to the Faculty Senate. Geri discussed various issues involving current affairs on campus, Faculty Handbook issues. ULs as faculty vs. as staff, family leave for lecturers, new titles supported by current Provost – Assistant Professor of Teaching, Associate Professor of Teaching, Professor of Teaching.
- d. Campus Life - John E.
- d. TLT – Maria – University is piloting Zoom (instead of Webex), we can opt in. It is not yet directly integrated with Canvas. Panopto is being piloted as a potential alternative to Kaltura. Classrooms are being updated. Faculty laptop distribution should begin in October; supply chain issues have slowed it down. There is now a kiosk in the library for lending laptops to students. (It holds 12, but there are plans to expand.) On Canvas, new accessibility symbols are available.

III. Communicating LEC concerns re: PSA contract - Nellon Reid

IV. Birth/adoption of child leave policy for lecturers