

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

The Faculty Senate met on October 5, 2021 via Zoom, due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

Attendance/Quorum

President Christopher Syrnyk called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All Senators or alternates were present except for Don McDonnell.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 8, 2021 Faculty Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

Reports of the Officers

Report of the President² Christopher Syrnyk

- x Christopher has heard via the Provost that the list of Standing Committees will be released soon.
- x He has suggested to the Provost that we move the WPC to the purview of Faculty Senate.
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- x Christopher raised the idea of a potential future charge for CCT: look into new/more effective ways of evaluating the faculty.
- x He also reminded faculty to complete the Convocation survey s

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f Dr. Mott said the survey results will be shared once it is completed.
- o Lots of concerns among faculty about the innovation requirement (on both sides of the issue).
f In particular, vaccinated faculty want to know if they can participate in campus testing, or if that is only for non-vaccinated faculty.
- o What is the status of the NTT promotion policy that was endorsed by Senate near the end of last AY?
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number of faculty lost over the last year?
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hires need to have a Ph.D., and that in some cases this requirement is holding up searches unnecessarily or artificially restricting the pool of capable candidates.

Report of the Provost ² Dr. Joanna Mott

- x Dr. Mott began by V S H D N L Q J R W Q H D X S F U R P - L Z Q J H & W K P H U μ H Y H Q W
- x She thanked everyone for their continued COVID compliance: in general, things have been going well. She
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- x She reiterated that everyone should fill out the Convocation survey, and that the administration is looking
forward to using the feedback to improve the event next time around.
- x The common course numbering initiative is moving forward at the state level.
- x : H G R Q . V L K U D H F S V H V H Q W D W L R O U D R O Y K E F L V O V Z D W B H K S B Y H W R Q Z R W A N
in smaller committees that can pass feedback to the group as they continue to work.
 - o Dr. Mott also encouraged Senate to appoint a new SFS representative soon, as this is another way
that we can make our voices heard on the state stage.
- x Addressing the earlier comments about more budget transparency, Dr. Mott said that we are currently making
a transition in our budget software, and this has led to less clarity than usual on the budget front.
- x Dr. Mott said she has forwarded the Academic Standards report discussed previously to senior leadership, and
they will be discussing it among themselves in the near future.
- x She also sent to SenEx responses to Aca G H P M F D Q G D U y G a r e p o r t o o G - l a s t A Y . T h e s e r e s p o n s e s
have been included in the packet on S D J H V .
- x On the hiring front, Dr. Mott said that we have hired a number of temporary instructors this year to fill gaps
as necessary, but the plan is to participate in the normal hiring cycle this fall and try to find more long-term
solutions to many of our faculty shortages through that process.
 - o Department chairs have already been asked to make faculty requests.
- x Dr. Mott said that enrollment is Q R W J - R D G F I R G R Q Z V D Q G F U H G L W R Z Q X , Q V
particular, freshman enrollment dropped dramatically in August; the cause(s) for this is unclear.
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o Dr. Mott reminded faculty to direct freshmen who are struggling to the academic advising and
retention office, which is now operating out of the library.
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order to offer proctored at home for remote/distance students.
(Note from conversation with Testing)

Response This appears to have been addressed. Please let us know if this is incorrect.

3. Reopen the Portland Metro Campus Testing Center for at least proctoring for students with disabilities.

relying more on ad-hoc committees to deal with issues as necessary. This would require a shift in institutional thinking and definition of institutional service, but the committee agrees with points made during the February Faculty Senate meeting that service points is not a good reason to have a large number of committees and that there are other ways to impact the institution in a service capacity.

We would also agree with the February Faculty Senate note that many standing committees are too large to be effective. We would advise against committees larger than 7-