

Meeting of January 21, 2022

1. Sign in for Quorum
2. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm
3. Communications from the Provost, Dr. Katia Passerini

The Provost provided an update on the start of the semester. Classes will begin in person on January 31st. Work was done by deans and department chairs and program directors to increase graduate enrollment over the winter break, and the numbers have improved. Faculty searches are proceeding. The strategic plan was launched last January and they are now looking at what has been accomplished in the past year: Salaries and benefits were restored, and work has begun to rebalance academic and non-academic spending. The thirty hires that have been approved represent a \$600 thousand dollar investment in academics. The administration approved a tenure contact extension due to Covid, as well a one-time extension on the five-year cap for renewals for contract faculty. Support for employees pursuing doctoral degrees was restored. Grant writing support has been invested in. Weekly messages from the provost's office will continue to provide updates to faculty going forward.

4. Communications from the Provost
 - [Duolingo Test Scores](#)

5. Approval of the agenda

Approved anonymously

6. Approval of the [draft minutes](#) of the Dec. 17 Meeting

Will be approved at the February meeting.

7. IPAD discussion

Motion: To limit the meeting to faculty members only

Approved unanimously

Motion: To move right into discussion without hearing from the invited speakers.
Not seconded.

The discussion began with brief remarks from Martin Edwards and Anthony Sciglitano, the Senate's representatives on the IPAD Committee.

Discussion notes can be found on the Senate website with the final resolution.

-Proposal:

The Faculty Senate requests a pause in the implementation of IPAD. The Faculty Senate agrees that an expedited program review is necessary and recognized in the Faculty Guide. The Senate will use the current opportunity to formulate this process and submit for approval.

Amendment: A new process and will refrain from engaging in out of cycle review processes which have not been approved by the faculty bodies.

The amendment passed: Yes: 28; No: 2; Abstentions: 4

Amendment:

Whereas the criteria established for program assessment goes to the heart of our academic mission Whereas faculty in different disciplines know how publication is assessed in their discipline; Whereas faculty have not had the necessary time to review these criteria to ensure they best serve the institution.

Vote: Yes: 27; No 2; Abstentions: 3

Motion: replacement

Whereas according to the Faculty Guide 12.2d-f, “the entire full-time faculty of the university has primary responsibility for recommending academic policy”, including program review, under the auspices of the Faculty Senate “to the Board of Regents, through the provost and the president”,

Vote: Yes: 28; No: 0; Abstentions: 1

Amendment: **The** Faculty Senate requests a pause in the implementation of IPAD. The Faculty Senate agrees that an expedited program review process is necessary and recognized in the Faculty Guide. The Senate will use the current opportunity **to improve upon the IPAD process**

Vote: Yes 15; No: 14; Abstentions: 1

Amendment: **by the appropriate faculty bodies.**

Voice vote - Passed

Amendment: **to improve deliberate upon the IPAD process,**

Voice vote: Passed

Final Motion:

Whereas according to the Faculty Guide 12.2, “the entire full-time faculty of the university has primary responsibility for recommending academic policy”(d-f), including program review,

under the auspices of the Faculty Senate “to the Board of Regents, through the provost and the president”,

The Faculty Senate requests a pause in the implementation of IPAD. The Fac Senate agrees that an expedited program review process is necessary and recognized in the Faculty Guide. The Senate will use the current opportunity to deliberate upon the IPAD process, formulate a new process and will refrain from engaging in out of cycle review processes which have not been approved by the appropriate faculty bodies.

Vote: Approved unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 3:58pm.