



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

April 4, 2007

Note: The next meeting of the Academic Senate is scheduled for May 2, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. Please submit agenda items and cover sheets for the May Senate meeting to [Bob Hogue](#) by noon on April 25 at the latest. Provide both a hard copy and a disk or electronic copy of your report and cover sheet in *Word* or rich text format. A downloadable cover sheet is available at the Academic Senate web site [hit "cancel" if asked for a password]:

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Report from President Sweet	Senate Executive Committee Report	Ohio Faculty Council Report	Charter & Bylaws Committee Report
Elections & Balloting Committee Report	Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report	General Education Committee Report	New Business

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Call to Order: Sunil Ahuja, Chair of the Senate, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the March 7, 2007, meeting were approved as posted. To view the minutes, go to <http://www.yosu.edu/acad-senate/minmar07.pdf>.

Report from President Sweet:

This is my fifth appearance before the Senate. I want to update you today on several items from Columbus. Testimony on the higher education budget began today. Also, I went to Akron today for meeting of the Northeast Ohio Universities Collaboration and Innovation Study Commission. Yesterday was also a great day for Quest. Congratulations to Jeff Dick and all those involved with Quest.

One of the things I'm trying to do is see how YSU can differentiate itself from other universities. We can make the case that we are unique. We should make the case that YSU is in a category of one and should be treated as such. We also went to Union Baptist Church yesterday to accept a donation to the Martin Luther King scholarship fund. Monday we hosted a meeting of area legislators and community leaders.

The collaboration commission met about 3 weeks ago. One problem is that the original legislation contained funding for \$200,000, but it has now been cut down to \$25,000. They are now looking for Universities to help fund it. They wanted to tax each campus equally, but that wouldn't exactly be fair to YSU. So far, the group has looked at a few programs to address and looked at funding and staffing issues (for the Commission). One possibility is a North Shore Graduate Alliance. Then they ran into a problem with funding of the alliance. Stay tuned on this; there is a meeting tomorrow among graduate deans to see if Columbus might endorse the idea.

The "Governor's Compact" would have a 0% tuition increase next year, and no more than 3% the year after. This would be in exchange for a 5% increase in state funding. The proposal before the House now would take our FY07 allocation 137 million and state share of instruction and place 5% increase on SSI. But after applying the subsidy formula, that 5% turns into 1.7% or \$667,000. This yields a total state funding increase of \$1.3 million for FY08 when projecting enrollments. Based on anticipated expenses, this means we face a significant gap already.

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Senate Executive Committee (SEC) / Report from the Chair: Sunil Ahuja, Chair of the Senate, reported:

Let me address several points in my report.

1. First, on a housekeeping matter, the Senate committees for 2007-2008, with the faculty appointments at this time, have been formed. I want to thank Bob Hogue for his hard work in putting this together and I also want to thank the faculty who volunteered to serve on Senate committees. We had a very good response from the faculty. We will add administrative and student appointments to the committees hopefully before the end of this semester.
2. The Budget Information Committee met once again on March 26, with the summer budget being the key item at this meeting. Dr. Tod Porter, co-chair of the summer budget panel, spoke to the group and answered many questions on the topic.
3. The Senate's Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure and Promotion has been working hard to produce a report for the Senate. I have been in touch with Dr. Jeff Carroll, the chair of that panel, and he plans to have the committee's report at the May meeting of the Senate.
4. Dr. Tammy King will give a report from the last Ohio Faculty Council meeting.

That concludes my report.

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Ohio Faculty Council: The minutes of the March OFC meeting are attached (See [Attachment 1](#)).

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Charter & Bylaws Committee: : Keith Lepak reported. The Charter & Bylaws Committee was asked by the Elections & Balloting Committee to consider changes in dates in the Bylaws regarding elections. Dr. Lepak moved approval of the changes in [Attachment 2](#). Seconded. Vote taken: Motion passed.

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Elections & Balloting Committee: **Annette Burden** reported. Elections for Senate seats for next year are taking place and some are complete. There are still a few nominees needed for at-large and departmental seats.

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Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: A list of approved changes is contained in [Attachment 3](#).

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General Education Committee: An informational report of approved courses is contained in [Attachment 4](#).

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Unfinished Business: None.

New business:

1. Bob McGovern moved to commit the following language to the Charter and Bylaws Committee, to be considered for insertion as Section 8 of Bylaw 11, "Rules of Order," for said committee to report with a recommendation on

the same at the next meeting of this body: "The motion to the previous question shall not be in order for any Resolution that comes to the floor of the Senate without having been provided to Senators at least eight (8) hours before the meeting during which such a Resolution is to be considered." Motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion passed.

2. **Jeanette Garr** read a Resolution of No Confidence (See [Attachment 5](#)) and moved approval of the resolution. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Daryl Mincey: I think the introduction of this resolution goes against shared governance, because there hasn't been enough advance notice to consider this. **Dr. Mincey moved to postpone to the next meeting.** Seconded. (The Chair noted that an item that is postponed would appear as unfinished business at the next meeting.) **President Sweet:** I've briefed the Senate several times about the challenges we face. We have to decide whether we will postpone this and debate this for another month, and I don't think it should be postponed. I unequivocally support the Provost. This will be a diversion of our attention. We should not be involved in this debate. **Cyndy Anderson:** When I came here, I chose YSU and YSU chose me. Since 1979, this place has seen a lot, including "Black August" 2005: My YSU family was out there on the picket lines. I'm sorry that things ever got that far. We have to figure out how to come back together. The constant in-fighting has to stop. We owe this to our students and prospective students. Actions like this will have an effect on our decisions. We have to refocus ourselves on our academic mission and service to our students. I encourage you to withdraw this action.

Ikram Khawaja: I do not advise postponement. Take it down or vote on it now. **Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez:** I am against postponement. Mark Shutes and I met with President Sweet in 2000 to discuss the low level of morale. It is still low. Vote now on the resolution.

A vote was taken on motion to postpone. Motion to postpone fails.

Chet Cooper: I was away in the Fall on Faculty Improvement Leave. I came back with a different perspective of YSU. I noticed the palpable hate on campus. Part of me wants this resolution, part of me doesn't. But in the end I think it's wrong. Every constituency is accountable for the atmosphere. We seem to be in a win/lose situation all the time. If this resolution passes, we all lose, and so does the institution. This institution is the heart and soul of this area. We already give the media enough ammunition to bash us. To me the real fault is one thing: Lack of communication — clear, honest, open communication. We have failed to remain a family and solve the problem of communication. I suggest that the motion be removed. Therefore, I propose this resolution be withdrawn and in its place we begin bi-monthly civility hours, regardless of outcome of the vote.

Tom Maraffa then moved to table the motion. Seconded (Keith Lepak). A vote was then taken on the motion to table. Motion passed (one abstained, one opposed).

Dr. Cooper moved that the Senate sponsor bi-monthly civility meetings for open, honest debate of important issues. Seconded. **Dr. Palmer-Fernandez:** Who would be required to attend? **Dr. Cooper:** I think it's incumbent on us as professionals to attend. Motion to sponsor civility hours passed.

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Adjournment: The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2007

Notes: Please Review Governor Strickland's State of the State Address which was sent electronically to all on campus (speech dated 3/14/07)

There are major changes occurring at the state level: new Chancellor – now part of the Governor's Cabinet; freeze on tuition cost; restructuring of the Board of Regents; discussion of a student voucher system; discussion of a state wide system; discussion on a northeast system.

1. Minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Opening Comments:
 - Eric D. Fingerhut was appointed the seventh Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents on March 14, 2007. When the position becomes a Cabinet Position, Fingerhut will be appointed by Governor Strickland.
 - The Governor has many positions in his office that need filled; information on how to apply for those positions will be sent out electronically as soon as it is made available.
3. New Business / Discussion
 - a. Discussion and approval occurred on sending a letter to the Governor's Office asking that research be conducted on the following:
 - Evaluation of how University Presidents prioritize spending on their campuses. How much is spent on the academic divisions versus the non-academic divisions.
 - Evaluation on how salaries and bonuses are determined for higher administrative levels on university campuses.
 - There are concerns about hidden administrative costs and overhead; these things need to be investigated.
 - b. There is currently discussion occurring at Cincinnati University about the possibility of implementing post-tenure review for faculty members.
 - c. Chris Redfern (D) District 80, met with the group. He is a member of the Finance and Appropriations Committee. The following are some of his comments:
 - It is true; OBOR will soon be dismantled.
 - It is true; Eric Fingerhut will be the new Chancellor and a member of Governor Strickland's Cabinet.
 - Governor wants one-quarter million more students to attend college in the next 10 years; he wants to see a 20% increase in the number of college graduates; he wants a seamless flow from K-12 to higher education.
 - There will be a no increase in college tuition.
 - Redfern believes that there will be a higher than expected investment in early childhood education and post-high school education. He believes those funds will go to two-year colleges and technical schools. He does not believe that Universities will be given an increase in funding from the State.
 - Redfern recommended that we invite legislators to visit our Campuses; many did not attend college and do not realize how the system works. Most legislators are invited to sporting events, but rarely to classrooms. They need to meet and talk with students in the classroom environment.
 - Some discussion ensued concerning patent offices on campuses.

- Refern voiced a concern about the future and importance of the social sciences and liberal arts given the increased attention to STEM and the 3rd Frontier initiatives. He does not want to see these programs lessened or eliminated.
 - Refern discussed funding for college students. He felt that the State Legislation had not done its part to help students pay their tuition.
 - He wants to see colleges and universities partner for goods and services to help lower costs; suggested that the cost for health care be negotiated, not only by colleges and universities jointly, but also include K-12 teacher unions.
 - Mark Dann, Atty. General, will play a role in the selection of special council for Universities. The Atty. General always had this authority, but it was rarely exercised. He wants to take over this role in order to assure appropriate rates are charged and universities/colleges save money.
- d. Larry M. Lewellen, from the Health Care Advocates for STRS Members, met with OFC. The following are some of his comments / concerns:
- Health Care cost for retirees is a big concern for STRS.
 - There is concern that funds could be exhausted by 2021.
 - It is believed that STRS will ask faculty members and universities to increase their contributions both by 2 ½% to help keep the health care system viable for our retirees.
 - Discussion ensued concerning teachers who retire early; they have a right to do so and should not be penalized according to Lewellen.
 - Discussion ensued - What would be done with funds contributed for health care if the U.S.A. develops some type of National Health Care Plan. Lewellen believes funds will be given back to contributors.
- e. Next Meeting – April 13, 2007
- a. Dr. Fingerhut will be invited to attend.

COVER SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Date 22 March 2007 Report Number (For Senate Use Only) _____

Name of Committee Submitting Report **Charter and Bylaws Committee**

Committee Status: (elected chartered, appointed chartered, ad hoc, etc.)
elected chartered

Names of Committee Members Eleanor Congdon, Kenneth Learman, Keith Lepak
(chair), Elvin Shields, David Spatholt (student), Gary Walker

Please write a brief summary of the report the Committee is submitting to the Senate:
The report describes changes recommended by Elections and Balloting to several parts of the Bylaws and Charter [Bylaw 3 Section 4 (a) (1) and (2), and Charter Article III Section 2 (c)]. The changes are concerned with dates appropriate to results of Senate elections (Bylaw 3 Section 4), and the proper identification of the Office of Institutional Research (Charter Article III Section 2). Charter and Bylaws approves these recommendations.

Do you anticipate making a formal motion relative to the report? Yes

If so, state the motion: Charter and Bylaws moves that the Senate vote to approve the changes recommended by Elections and Balloting.

If substantive changes in your committee recommendation are made from the floor, would the committee prefer that the matter be sent back to committee for further consideration?

Yes

Other relevant data: _____

Keith Lepak
Chair

The Elections and Balloting Committee has recommended the following changes to the Bylaws of the Senate Charter.

Members of the Charter and Bylaws Committee have approved their recommendations:

1) Change the date that the Senate At-Large results are due from March 15 to April 15. This affects the final wording of Bylaw 3 Section 4 (a) (2):

New wording: College At-Large Elections shall be held...and the results certified by the tellers and reported to the Elections and Balloting Committee by April 15. (changed from March 15)

2) Change the date that the Senate Department results are due from April 15 to March 15. This affects the final wording of Bylaw 3 Section 4 (a) (1):

New wording: Departmental Elections shall be conducted...and reported to the Elections and Balloting Committee by March 15 (changed from April 15)

3) Change the date from December 1 to November 1 in Bylaw 3 Section 2 on Apportionment of Faculty Seats. Currently Bylaw 3 Section 2 lists a date of

December 1 as the date to be used for the yearly configuration of the apportionment for Senate seats. The date used by YSU and OBR is November 1.

Elections and Balloting suggests that this November 1 date be used in the Bylaws as well. Further, this same section states that the information is to be obtained from the Office of the Executive Director of Human Resources. However, that office does not keep that type of data. Charter and Bylaws supports the following **changed language** proposed by Elections and Balloting:

As provided in the Charter, Article III, Section 2 (c), each college shall be assigned four seats, the total sum of which shall be deducted from seventy. The remainder shall be apportioned among the various colleges in proportion to the percentage of Faculty departmental assignments in each college determined as of **November 1** from data provided by the **Office of Institutional Research**. The Elections and Balloting Committee shall compute these percentages and shall then calculate the number of additional seats apportioned to each college based upon these percentages.

(changes highlighted)

Charter and Bylaws moves that the Senate vote to approve these changes.

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Date **3-26-07** _____ Report Number (For Senate Use Only) _____

Name of Committee Submitting Report **University Curriculum Committee** _____

Committee Status: (elected chartered, appointed chartered, ad hoc, etc.) **Appointed Chartered** _____

Names of Committee Members L.Pavia (Chair), D. Porter, T. Rakestraw, D. Morgan, J. Caputo, R. Rees, T. Fullum, J. Blankenship, D. Laird, K. Conway

Please write a brief summary of the report the Committee is submitting to the Senate:
The University Curriculum Committee is appending a list of approved course that cleared the circulation process as of March 23, 2007.

Do you anticipate making a formal motion relative to the report? No

If so, state the motion: _____

If substantive changes in your committee recommendation are made from the floor, would the committee prefer that the matter be sent back to committee for further consideration? _____

Other relevant data: _____

Louise Pavia, Chair (06-07)

Chair

MEMO

TO: Bob Hogue, Secretary
Academic Senate

FROM: Louise Pavia, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

SUBJECT: Senate Minute Items

DATE: March 23, 2007

Completed course proposals.

Please include these course proposals in the next Academic Senate minutes. They have passed in Committee, circulated and have been sent on for Sunil Ahuja's signature.

Thank you.

UCD #	Catalog #	Course Title	Type of Action
033-07*	PSYCH 3709L	Psychology of Education Lab	Add
034-07*	PSYCH 4804L	Conflict Laboratory	Add
035-07	PSYCH 4895	Senior Psychology Capstone Experience	Add
097-07	HPES 2625	Pedagogical Aspects of Exercise Science	Change
098-07	HPES 3720	Kinesiology and Applied Anatomy	Change
099-07	HPES 3760	Strength Training and Conditioning	Change
102-07	CHEGR 3787	Transport Phenomena 2/Unit Operations 1	Change
103-07	CHEGR 3786	Transport Phenomena 1	Change
105-07	ECON 3705	Environmental and Resource Economics	Add
106-07	ECON 4813	Resource and Environmental Economics	Delete
107-07	ECON 5856	Topics in Quantitative Economics	Change

108-07	ANTHR 3778	Archaeological Techniques	Change
109-07	SPED 5866	Assessment and Referral of Exceptional Children and Youth for the Intervention Specialist	Change
110-07	SPED 5868	Mild/Moderate Disabilities Practicum	Change
111-07	SPED 5878	Teaching Gifted and Talented Students	Change
112-07	SPED 5864	Service Coordination, Collaboration, and Consultation for Students with Special Needs	Change
113-07	SPED 5863	Characteristics & Needs of Children & Youth with Mild/Moderate Disabilities: Learning Disabilities	Change
114-07	SPED 5835	Classroom Management for Exceptional Children & Youth	Change
115-07	SPED 5834	Educational Strategies and Methods for Children & Youth with Moderate/Intensive Disabilities	Change
116-07	SPED 5828	Education of Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children and Youth	Change
117-07	SEDUC 5800M	Special Methods: Mathematics	Change
118-07	SEDUC 5842A	Student Teaching Seminar for Secondary Education	Change
118-07	SEDUC 5842	Supervised Student Teaching: High School	Change
120-07	HIST 1500	Discovering World History	Add
121-07	BIOL 4839	Selected Topics in Physiology	Change

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Date March 28, 2007 Report Number (For Senate Use Only) _____

Name of Committee Submitting Report General Education Committee

Committee Status: (elected chartered, appointed chartered, ad hoc, etc.)

Names of Committee Members Sracic, Feld, Kasuganti, Crist, Horvath, O'Mansky, Mullins, Munro, Oder, Spalsbury, Wang, Miller, Speece

Please write a brief summary of the report the Committee is submitting to the Senate: _____

GEC is appending a list of certified courses that have cleared the circulation process without objection.
See Appendix .

Do you anticipate making a formal motion relative to the report? No
If so, state the motion: _____

If substantive changes in your committee recommendation are made from the floor, would the committee prefer that the matter be sent back to committee for further consideration? _____

Other relevant data: _____

Paul Sracic

Chair

APPENDIX

Certified General Education Courses

The following courses have been certified and circulated for ten days without objection. They are being appended to the Senate Agenda as an indication of their certification as general education courses.

Societies and Institutions

990515 Anthropology 1503: The Rise and Fall of Civilizations

Writing Intensive

990531 Advertising 3717: Advertising Media Planning and Buying

Capstone

990517 Psychology 4895: Senior Psychology Capstone Experience

**RESOLUTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN
UNIVERSITY PROVOST HERBERT**

April 4, 2007

WHEREAS, many decisions made by Youngstown State University Provost Dr. Robert K. Herbert regarding promotion, tenure, hiring, departmental governance, and other vital elements of the life of this or any university have severely damaged morale and have created unnecessary distractions from the fulfillment of the University's mission; and

WHEREAS, these decisions have been made in spite of sensible and sound recommendations to the contrary by faculty members, students, and even some members of the Administration; and

WHEREAS, these decisions have destroyed even the faintest notion of participatory governance and shared responsibility, the framework for which has been built over years of good-faith working relationships between the faculty and the administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Youngstown State University expresses that it has NO CONFIDENCE University Provost Dr. Robert K. Herbert; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Youngstown State University calls upon the Board of Trustees to take measures immediately to begin the essential process of repairing the morale of the University community that has been so badly damaged by the actions described above.

YSU ACADEMIC SENATE ATTENDANCE ROSTER — April 4, 2007

Arts and Sciences

Departmental (2005-07)

At Large
MA Sunil Ahuja, Pol. Sci.
MB Annette Burden, Math & Stat.
CC Chet Cooper, Biology
 Jeff Dick, Geol./Env. Sci.
VH Vern Haynes, Psychology
BH Bob Hogue, CSIS
DM Daryl Mincey, Chemistry
RS James Schramer, English
RS Rick Shale, English
 L.T. (Tess) Tessier, Phil.

AL Tim Wagner, Chemistry
AL Alina Lazar, CSIS
SD Suzanne Diamond, English
JEA Joe Andrew, Geol./Env. Studies
JEA Jamal Tartir, Mathematics & Stat.
GP Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, Phil/Rel.
KL Keith Lepak, Political Science
PS Paul Gordiejew, Sociol. & Anthr.

Departmental (2006-08)

GN Gary Walker, Biology
K Ou Hu, Economics
HCC Hervé Corbé, Foreign Lang.
CC Dawna Cerney, Geography
DAS David Simonelli, History
JF John Feldmeier, Phys/Astron.
NW Nancy White, Psychology

Business Administration

At Large, continued

At Large
AK Ram Kasuganti, Management
TS Ray Shaffer, Accounting & Fin.
AK Birsen Karpak, Management

JR Jane Reid, Marketing
DS David Stout, Accounting & Fin.

Departmental

TR Tom Rakestraw, Mgt. (06-08)
SL Sheen Liu, Acctg & Fin. (06-08)
M Mark Toncar, Marketing (05-07)

Education

At Large, continued

At Large
DB Dora Bailey, Teacher Ed.
RB Rich Baringer, Ed. Admin.
 Deborah Jackson, Couns.

SL Sally Lewis, Couns.
JW Janet Williams, Teacher Ed.

Departmental

JJ Jennifer Jordan, Couns/SpEd (06-08)
PC Paul Carr, EARF (06-08)
RR Regina Rees, Teacher Ed. (06-08)

Engineering and Technology

Departmental

At Large
ES Elvin Shields, Mech/Ind.
JG Jeanette Garr, Civ/Env/Chem
PM Phil Munro, ECE

AI Anwarul Islam, Civ/En/Chem (06-08)
CL Carol Lamb, Technology (06-08)

FM Faramarz Mossayebi, ECE (06-08)
HM Hazel Marie, Mech/Ind. (06-08)

Fine and Performing Arts

At Large (continued)

At Large
DF Darla Funk, Music
DH Dennis Henneman, Commun/Thtr.
CH Cary Horvath, Comun/Thtr.
MM Till Meyn, Music

AM Allan Mosher, Music
JM John Murphy, Commun/Thtr.
MY Misook Yun, Music

SS Stephanie Smith, Art (06-08)
AC Amy Crawford, Comm. (06-08)
SS Silvio dos Santos, Music (06-08)

Health and Human Services

Departmental

At Large
LA Louise Aurilio, Nursing
 Kathylynn Feld, Hlth. Prof.
TK Tammy King, Crim. Justice
LP Louise Pavia, Human Ecology
 Thelma Silver, Social Wk.

DK Diane Kandray, Hlth Prof. (06-08)
OC Onwudiewe, Crim. Just. (05-07)
BL Bonnie Laing, Social Work (05-07)
CB Cathy Bieber Parrott, Ph.Th. (05-07)

JP Jennifer Pintar, HPES, (06-08)
ZR Zara Rowlands, Human Ecol (06-08)
SL Susan Lisko, Nursing (05-07)

Administration (15)

CA Cynthia Anderson
JB Jonelle Beatrice
BB Bege Bowers
BC Bill Countryman

JE Joseph Edwards
PG Philip Ginnetti
RH Robert Herbert
JJ Jalal Jalali

PK Peter Kasvinsky
IK Ikram Khawaja
PK Paul Kobulnicky
BJ Betty Jo Licata
JY John Yemma

TM Thomas Maraffa
TP Tod Porter
JY John Yemma

Students

School / College

At Large (5)
BD Ben Detwiler
HK Harleen Kaur
AS Angela Speece
JN Jessica Neal
DS Dave Spaholtz

LP Louise Popio, A&S
LG Lindsey Golubic, Education
AG Alex Gedra, E&T
 (vacant), F&PA
AB Alysha Brown, HHS
SM Sherman Miles, WCBA
BM Bob McGovern, Graduate Studies

Student Government

CM Chad Miller, President
SV Sarah Vansuch, 1st VP
RR Ramon Ramos, 2nd VP