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Academic Senate Agenda

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

Meshel Hall 103 (limited seating)

Virtual Attendance at the Following URL:

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1. **[4:00 PM] Call to Order/Certification of Quorum**
2. **[4:02 PM] Approval of Agenda**
3. **[4:03 PM] Approval of Recording (as minutes) from February 23, 2022**
<https://ysu.webex.com/recordingservice/sites/ysu/recording/playback/98c6ff937719103ab7bf00505681a6ea> Password: YSUsenate2022
4. **[4:05 PM] Senate Executive Committee Report** – Chet Cooper, Senate Chair
 - a. Introducing Ms. Nkyah Edison, Senate Academic Support
 - b. Call for General Coordinator - Joe Palardy will be stepping down.
 - c. Part-Time Senator Appointments:
 - Jennifer Frank, Criminal Justice
 - Molly Burdette, Communication
5. **[4:10 PM] Ohio Faculty Council Report**
 - a. Mike Sherman - government relations, Ohio Council will be meeting this Friday, April 8th
6. **[4:11 PM] Charter and Bylaws Committee-** No report
7. **[4:12 PM] Report of the Elections/Balloting Committee**
 - a. Most of the positions are filled for this present academic year. For the upcoming academic year, all of the colleges but STEM, are finished.
 - b. Any Questions can be directed to Dr. Nicolette Powe
8. **[4:20 PM] Provost Brien Smith**
 - a. Waiting on departments to finish curricular maps and carousel rotations. Carousel rotations are for low enrollment classes. How to meet the students needs in graduation times.
 - b. Provided brief of Academic Program Transformation. All faculty will be invited to see how they can help with the Academic Program Transformation process.
 - c. Question was raised concerning hiring proposals that are stalled. Smith responded that there is a hiring plan for different positions with the the President, Provost and Neil

McNally (Finance VP). There is a budgeting plan on the way to being in affect.

9. [4:30PM] Reports from Other Senate Committees

- a. Academic Events Committee – No Report
- b. Academic Programs Committee – Mary Beth Earnhardt, Chair (report attached)
 - What if you want to move your academic program online?
 - Online Committee report- A lot of things must be considered before changing it online. Must contact Mary Beth Earnhardt, Sal Sanders, or Kevin Ball. Kevin and Sal talk about how programs can move online.
 - Sanders asked: “We need details and specific information so that we can move programs, accurately” We need think consider cost, enrollment, phiscal year- these impact proposal that want to be online.
 - M.B. Earnhardt noted: “If things aren’t done correctly, we cannot process the proposal/program. Reach out to Kevin Ball for online program form.”
- c. Academic Research Committee – No Report
- d. Academic Standards Committee – Dawna Cerney, Chair (report attached)
 - Change of grade with course repetition. If students want to request a grade or GPA improvement, it is hard to change it.
 - Clarity of repetition form- April 6th revised GPA calculation and language update.
 - Claire Berardini- Petition for students to change their grades might be an unnecessary step, she requests that the automated recalculation needs to be looked at again. It needs to brought up as an action change. The change would include taking the better grade of the two. The committee is going to take it back and change it one more time
 - Transfer students- How transfer students can obtain honor’s status. Honor’s, Great honors, and highest honors.
- e. General Education Committee – No Report
- f. Governance Committee – Mary Beth Earnhardt, Chair (report attached)
 - Reminder all committee chairs, please turn in papers on documents from each committee.
 - UWLO: The executive committee is establishing a UWLO task force this to address concerns about process and senate review and approval of changes that impact the academic divison and mission.
- g. Honors Committee – No Report
- h. Library Committee – No Report
- i. Professional Conduct Committee – No Report
- j. Academic Grievance Committee – No Report
- k. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – Tom Wakefield, Chair (report attached)
- l. Technologies Committee – No Report
- m. Design Committee – Johnathan Farris, Chair (report attached)
 - Hopes in the future that they are a valid constitution
 - 4 recommendations- Improving campus activity- attracting people to the campus. There are funds available for 422, hopes of enlarging passages on

422 and Elm St.

- Gateways in neighboring areas- improve connectable areas between downtown, surrounding areas and campus.
 - Creating visual links between campus and downtown- Proposed possible lighting plan to make people feel safer and connected from campus to downtown. Could be part informational and part entertainment.
 - Proposed campus to be a wildlife habitat, new trees, birds and insects. Reduce mechanical powered motors like lawnmowers. “Are their passive ways to preserve our wildlife”. Next year they will consider other recommendations.
 - Possible student projects to help with the ideas
 - Motion to approve report passed with no objections
- n. Teaching and Learning – Cary Wecht, Chair (attachment)
- Discussed work of the committee focused on what effective teaching and learning looks like at YSU. No intention for this to be a standard for teaching and learning, but to “collectively” strive toward in our teaching
 - Discussed how chairs might use this to improve evaluations.
 - Next meeting proposal to focus on “teaching practice” packet to guide teachers on what should be doing. Inspire, motivate, and encourage students through these practices. Task force is seeking responses to this information.

10. [5:00 PM] Unfinished Business - None

11. [5:01 PM] New Business

- a. Conditional Admit Policy - Clair Berardini, Assoc. Provost, Student Success
- For conditionally-admitted transfer students. There are two requirements that may create barriers for transfer students.
 - Suggests replacing the “One size fits all number” number of 14 credit hours.
 - Transfer students come with different credits, restrictions to credit hours and courses may affect their success. Right now, only 2 out of 21 transfer students that followed this restricted list did well.
 - Cooper referred this policy to the standards committee.
- b. University-Wide Learning Outcomes – Jenn Pintar, Associate Provost and Mark Vopat, chair of Academic Program Transformation team
- Vopat noted that there will be a virtual townhall meeting on April 13th for suggestions on learning outcomes.
 - All staff can propose ideas for UWLOs so that the ad hoc committee can put them together and process them. These learning outcomes will be a guide for many different things.
 - Contact Pintar via email with any questions or suggestions.
- c. Ransomware Remediation – Jim Yukech, AVP/Chief Information Officer (attachment)
- There have been several ransomware attacks in 2021. YSU IT worked close with FBI, Regional Cybersecurity, and the Kent State University IT security team on the development Ransomware Remediation plan.
 - Higher Education is a significant target for theft of intellectual property. “It’s traditionally collegial open exchange for information.” Must act now on these attacks

for the future and safety of the University. If we don't implement ransomware protection, university does not receive insurance.

- Looking to roll back admin privileges to a certain degree; reviewing software packages to help with this. This will white list all other software for privileges. "Keys" are being ordered for people who do not want to use their personal devices.
- Reducing the potential threat caused by breached administrative privileges. Significantly reducing the threat caused by breached standard accesses credentials.
- Enforcing the University's "Acceptable Use" policy. Enforcing the University's "Network Storage" policy, looking into one drive for a better and secure way to store things on any device.
- Yukech welcomes anyone to be apart of the IT committee to help practice safer cyber connections.

12. [5:30 PM] Adjournment

**Next Meeting of the Academic Senate:
Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 4:00 PM**

Last scheduled meeting of the academic year.

Attendance shall be in the hybrid manner: in person (Meshel Hall 103) and online (link to be distributed).

Agenda items due to Adam Earnhardt (acearnhardt@ysu.edu) and Nkyah Edison (nmedison@ysu.edu) by Monday, April 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM.