

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
Friday, January 27, 2023
3:00 PM- 5:00 PM
<https://luc.zoom.us/j/81055833356>

Senators Present: Wei Qiu, Bill Adams, Kristin Krueger, Matt Williams, Paige Warren, Cara Forster, Minerva Ahumada, Mary Jurasas, Mark Torrez, Jordan Ahlersmeyer-Huang, Lauren Schwer, Rachel Leamon, Anne Divita Kopacz, Jessica Taylor, Denesse Garcia, Emily Barman, Thomas Kelly, Teresa Krafcisin, Margaret Callahan (*ex officio*), Allison Davis (*ex officio*), Jim Devery (*ex officio*)

Absent: Jennifer Armstrong, Susan Haarman, Jeremy Mixell, Lesley Haynes, Jonathan Okstad, Hanan Abdillahi, Mereya Riopedre, Keith Champagne (*ex officio*)

Quorum (13 needed): 17 present at the start of the meeting; quorum is met.

Chair Ahumada called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

- I. **Review of preliminary agenda and call for motions to amend**
 - a. No updates to the agenda.

- II. **Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2022**
 - a. Sen. Adams motioned to approve the minutes. Sen. Schwer seconded.
 - b. Motion passed 17 – 0.

- III. **Elections**
 - a. Chair
 - i. Nominations
 1. Minerva Ahumada – nominated by Sen. Leamon, Sen. Adams seconded.
 - ii. Results
 1. Sen. Ahumada elected as Chair by vote of 17-0.
 - b. Vice Chair
 - i. Nominations
 1. Kristin Krueger – nominated by self
 - ii. Results
 1. Sen. Krueger elected as Vice Chair by vote of 16-0, 1 abstain

- IV. **Guest – Dr. Sonny Singh, Vice Provost for Research**
 - a. Dr. Singh presented information on the Office of VPR including the office’s mission statement of addresses challenges impacting our society through

research. Dr. Singh shared how research impacts the University's Strategic Plan as well as some initiatives supporting this.

- b. Sen. Williams discussed what KPIs are used to measure social impact of research and related opportunities. Dr. Singh highlighted this as an important point and shared more information on how KPIs as well as other research initiatives are used to measure social impact. Dr. Singh also cautioned that some items can be measured precisely but may not be helpful.
- c. Sen. Torrez asked how we can create opportunities for staff with advanced degrees or research experience. Dr. Singh stated that "staff" is a complex label when considering research and that there are goals to engage staff in the research process. Part of the journey is to help staff understand they are part of the overall mission. This is an important topic that requires resources but also the right attitude. Sen. Torrez also shared perspectives on how research opportunities can improve staff retention.
- d. Sen. Qiu asked about opportunities to invest in a specific research software program. Dr. Singh highlighted that there are current relationships with platforms already in place but conversations on new opportunities are welcomed.
- e. Sen. Minerva shared how perspectives on research and scholarship can vary. Dr. Singh encouraged all to better understand how they may be participating in scholarly work when they might not realize it.

V. Committee Updates

- a. Academic Affairs and Research
 - i. No new updates to report.
- b. Diversity
 - i. Committee met with Dominique Jordan Turner, Vice President for Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for a deeper conversation, developed a better sense of her work, and how to contribute to initiatives. One example is a focus on diversity in recruitment for certain graduate programs.
 - ii. Jim Devery shared that Faculty Council has been focused on examining the role of student evaluations in faculty evaluations.
- c. Student Development and Success
 - i. Lester Manzano (Assistant Vice President for Student Academic Services) and Cristina Ramos (Coordinator, Arrupe-to-Loyola Continuum) were guests at the last committee meeting to learn more about support for Arrupe students. Discussion on what further steps to help support transition.
- d. Budget and Strategic Planning
 - i. Discussed a number of items recently but conversations may be better aligned with other committees of the Senate.
 - ii. Would be interested in a faculty presence on this committee.
- e. Faculty Affairs and Staff Affairs

- i. No new updates to report.
- f. Bylaws and Elections
 - i. Will be looking at the bylaws to examine processes for replacing a member of the Executive Committee.

VI. Other Updates

- a. Jim Devery shared there is a climate survey that is currently active for faculty. Also, Faculty Council is completing Dean evaluations for a number of schools at the University.
 - i. Sen. Torrez asked for clarification regarding multiple conversations around climate surveys from different offices.

Sen. Adams motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sen. Williams seconded.

Chair Ahumada adjourned the meeting at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted JBAH 1/27/2023

Senate Meeting Schedule for Academic Year 2022-23

General Assembly Meetings

• September 30	3:00-5:30PM	Zoom
• October 28	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom
• December 2	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom
• January 27	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom
• March 3	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom
• March 31	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom
• May 5	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom

Executive Committee Meetings

• September 9	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom
• October 14	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom
• November 18	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom
• January 13	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom
• February 17	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom
• March 24	4:00-5:00PM	Zoom
• April 21	3:00-4:00PM	Zoom

