

Winthrop University – Academic Council

Friday, August 26, 2022

2:00pm Owens 103

Minutes

First Name	Last Name	College/Department
Zachary	Abernathy	CAS
Leslie	Bickford	CAS
Kori	Bloomquist**	CAS
Kelly	Costner*	COE
Marguerite	Doman	CBA
Adam	Glover	CAS
Jessie	Hamm	CAS
Sherry	Hoyle	COE
Jeff	McEvoy*	CVPA
Alice	McLaine	COE
Jeremy	Mims	CVPA
Douglas	Presley	CVPA
Mike	Sickels	CAS
Michael	Whitney	CBA
Cody	Walters	Dacus Library
Gina	Jones	Rec and Reg
Miguel	Caldwell*	Council of Student Leaders

*absent

**on sabbatical

Guests: Jennifer Jordan and Tim Drueke

I. Minutes from the April 8, 2022 meeting

Dr. McLaine brought the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

She asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Glover made the motion. It was seconded.

Dr. Jordan noticed that Dr. Wojcik's first name was listed as Jane instead of Janet. With that correction, the minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Remarks from the Chair (Alice McLaine)

Dr. McLaine stated that we will base our meetings on what the (COVID) numbers are looking

like. She asked for a preference for Zoom or in-person. Dr. Jordan suggested that Zoom is better on Fridays. Dr. McLaine said we'll play it by ear.

III. Remarks from the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs (Peter Judge)

Dr. Judge thanked everyone for being on this important committee. The President is committed to looking at our academic mix and making sure we have the right ones. How are we managing our curriculum? How can we work better? Dr. Judge stated that "efficient" seems inhuman and prefers "satisfaction." Winthrop needs to get out of the reactionary mode we've been in over the last several years due to a number of factors. He also is trying to avoid the word "pivot." Every other week we seem to be doing something differently. He wants to get us back to doing what we do best, and this committee can help shape that.

IV. Remarks from the President of the Council of Student Leaders, Miguel Caldwell

Mr. Caldwell was unable to attend.

V. Old business

A. Cultural Events Committee Update

1. *Recommendation to revise cultural events guidelines*

Dr. McLaine remarked that at the last Faculty Conference, faculty were upset over the guidelines. There had been some events denied that had been approved previous years. Dr. McLaine is pulling together a group to look at the guidelines. She noted that there were some differences from what was on the website and the proposed guidelines. The goal is that this will come to this committee again with a more robust justification. She indicated that the policy itself was straightforward and not controversial so there may have been concern about the policy not being followed.

VI. New Business

Dr. McLaine mentioned that there is a need for a CUC chair and she asked the group if there was anyone interested. Mr. Druke explained what the chair's duties would be. He said that the new curriculum system would move some of the work into the system itself. Dr. McLaine indicated that Kara Traverse, secretary, had things organized.

A. Meet and Greet

Everyone introduced themselves.

Mr. Druke talked about some things being discussed in the Provost's office regarding curriculum. He referred to a discussion last year about exploring doctoral programs such as the EdD now that the state is allowing comprehensive universities to offer them.

VII. Adjournment

Dr. McLaine adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Jones, Secretary