



2021-2022 FACULTY SENATE

The first regular meeting of the 2021-2022 Faculty Senate will be held on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021**, at 2:10 pm as a virtual meeting, using WebEx.

FULL AGENDA

**Revised*

[WebEx meeting link](#)

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
[May 25, 2021](#) Special Meeting
- III. **Special Order of the Day**
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. [Announcements](#)
 - C. Philip Rogers, Chancellor
 - D. Ron Mitchelson, Interim Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
 - E. Zach Loch, Chief Information Officer
Hector Molina, Deputy Chief Information Officer
 - F. Chandler Ward, Student Government Association President
 - G. Christopher Buddo, Chair of Provost and VC for Academic Affairs Search Committee
Jim Sirianni, Managing Director of Storbeck Search
 - H. Pamela Reis, Faculty Assembly Delegate*
Report on [September 10, 2021](#) Faculty Assembly Meeting
[May 14, 2021 Faculty Assembly meeting minutes](#)
 - I. Purificación Martínez, Chair of the Faculty
 - J. Question Period
- IV. **Unfinished Business**

V. Report of Graduate Council

Graduate Council, Ron Preston*

Formal faculty advice on curriculum and academic matters acted on and recorded in the [August 23, 2021](#) Graduate Council meeting minutes, including Graduate Policy action item (GC 21-08) Spring 2021 suggested language changes to the “Time Extension” policy in the Graduate Catalog.

VI. Report of Committees

There are no committee reports at this time.

VII. New Business

Statement of Concern about the Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan and Plight of Refugees (attachment 1)

NEW BUSINESS

Statement of Concern about the Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan and Plight of Refugees

This faculty senate expresses its deep concern over the emerging situation in Afghanistan since the withdrawal of the US troops. In a global world, there is no regional problem, a humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan is a failure to uphold the common values of dignity and liberty for all, without national and geographical boundaries. As academics, we are invested in keeping a close eye on the situation in Afghanistan, as we have a responsibility towards our students and the society to provide education that is not tainted by narrow political view or a national agenda. We resolve to keep a close eye on our curriculum so that it does not harbor the message of hatred, hyper nationalism, cult mentality, and above all, xenophobia, and Islamophobia. We have the great privilege of teaching and our resolve should be on teaching the history as it unfolded and not the history of the winners. Finally, we urge to pay attention to student needs, this crisis has the potential to trickle down to all of Asia and rest of the world soon, which will affect our students, faculty, and staff. As a nation we have witnessed how a virus gave rise to violence and xenophobia towards Asian communities. This humanitarian crisis should not be used to justify any xenophobic, racist, sexist, capitalist white-supremacist ideologies.