



2021-2022 FACULTY SENATE

FULL MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2021

[WebEx Meeting Recording](#)

The special meeting of the 2021-2022 Faculty Senate was held on **Tuesday, May 25, 2021**, at 2:10 as a WebEx meeting.

Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Purificación Martínez, Chair of the Faculty, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes

The [April 27, 2021](#) were approved as presented. There was one amendment to the [May 4, 2021](#) meeting minutes, which was the addition of Professor William Staub to the list of new Senators.

Agenda Item III. Special Order of the Day

A. Roll Call

Senators absent were: Professors Kimberly Alford (Medicine), Steven Brewer (Criminal Justice), Meghan Millea (Economics), Brian Miller (Engineering and Technology), Mark Moss (Dental Medicine), Karla Thompson Varnell (Engineering and Technology), Ed Treadwell (Medicine), Allyson Turnage (Allied Health Sciences), and Hans Vogelsong (Recreation Sciences).

Alternates present were: Professors Alex Durland (Allied Health Sciences), Timm Hackett (English), Laura Mazow (Anthropology), April Reed (Business), and Michael Tahaney (Theatre and Dance)

B. Announcements

Chair Martínez said that she had spoken with Chancellor Rogers that morning about the recent leadership change in the Division of Health Sciences and had asked about what the implications may be for the faculty. He told her this change would make the Division of Health Sciences stronger than it was, and that ECU would function as one ECU. She said that she learned that Interim Dean Higginson and the Interim Vice Chancellor Mitchelson will have open door policies and that any faculty member who has questions or concerns on the change in leadership or who would want to meet with them to get to know them would be welcome to do so.

Chair Martínez learned this morning at the University Council meeting that the final report for the Fiscal Sustainability Coordination Committee (FSCC) has been delayed and has not yet been submitted to the chancellor. It is delayed until July 15 to provide time for key constituents to make final comments and revisions. Key constituents include the Faculty Senate. The format for soliciting feedback from faculty members to the FSCC has not yet been designed.

C. Purificación Martínez, Chair of the Faculty

Chair Martínez said the Chancellor met with her earlier this month to let her know he had determined a timeline for the provost search. He has engaged a search firm. After the search committee is formed, the head of the search firm will meet with Chair Martínez and the search committee chair to strategize on how to engage faculty members over the summer months. Chancellor Rogers is interested to have a total of fifteen members in the search committee. He would like to have five faculty members in the search committee, including the Chair of the Faculty and a representative of

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the Chancellor. Five faculty members would then be selected for nomination by the Faculty Senate and three or four of those faculty members will serve on the search committee.

The Faculty Officers discussed potential nominations, and the list of recommendations from the officers follows below:

- Sambuddha Banerjee, Department of Chemistry, Harriot College of Arts and Sciences
- Loni Crumb, Department of Interdisciplinary Professions, College of Education
- Keith Keene, Center for Health Disparities, Brody School of Medicine
- Angela Lamson, Human Development and Family Science, College of Health and Human Performance
- Rukiyah Van Dross-Anderson, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Brody School of Medicine

Discussion

Professor Su (Geography, Planning and Environment) thanked Chair Martínez for the five nominations. He asked how communications on the search will happen with the Faculty Senate. Chair Martínez mentioned Chancellor Rogers told her there would be no unit administrators or associate deans within the five faculty members as the chancellor may appoint employees with those titles to the committee himself. She then shared that the finalists would come to campus for open interviews and that Chair Martínez would share more details further as she learned more information. Chancellor Rogers told her the search committee would be working on developing the leadership profile and other position description details this summer. She said the chancellor was interested in the voices of all the faculty to be heard as this was being developed.

Professor Chambers (Education) asked if the list of nominations presented by Chair Martínez would be the slate from which the Chancellor would select. Chair Martínez said the chancellor and Chair Martínez will collaborate on selecting three from the list. Chancellor Rogers may select another representative of the faculty within this list or outside this list. There would be five faculty members.

Professor Bauer (English) appreciates the process of the provost search and wanted to convey her appreciation to the chancellor. Chair Martínez said Chancellor Rogers indicated the Faculty Senate has complete freedom and could elect who they wanted to serve on this committee.

Professor Greer (Medicine) shared in the chat box that the slate provided is a diverse representation from our executive committee, and they are appreciated as well.

No additional candidates were proposed. A poll was deployed to close the nominations and elect the slate by acclamation, and the action was approved.

D. Question Period

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Professor McKinnon (History) asked how transparent the search would be, if it would be like the Chancellor search.

Chair Martínez said the chancellor was very clear in that this would be a public search.

Professor Wolf (Physics) asked if the Faculty Senate has funds to support search committee members for a portion of their summer work, or if he could otherwise advocate for compensation for the committee members.

Chair Martínez said she would bring this idea up to the chancellor.

Agenda Item VII. New Business

There was no new business at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.

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