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**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
April 19, 2012 1:00-3:00 PM  
Hall of Honors**

**Senators in Attendance:**

	E. Alozie (AL/CAS)		W. Henne (CAS)	X	W. Rudloff (CAS)
X	Y. Brown (UL/DLMD)*	X	R. James (AL/CHHS)		A. Shekib (CBPA)
	M. Bruce (CBPA)	X	E. Johnson (CAS)*	X	F. Tian (CBPA)*
X	D. Cepa (CHHS)	X	V. Jones (CAS)	X	C. Tymkow (CHHS)
X	D. Cortese (CAS)*	X	T. Kelly (COE)	X	R. Washington (CHHS)*
X	E. Essex (CHHS)*		J. Klomes (COE)*	X	B. Winicki (COE)*
	S. Gandy (COE)*	X	M. Marion (AL/COE)		
X	D. Hechenberger (AL/COE)	X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)*		

\* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee

**Guests:** T. Allison, M. Kasik, J. Tiede, A. Vendrely, K. Morris, C. White

Call to order by Faculty Senate President Rashidah Muhammad at 1:00 with quorum established.  
The agenda for the meeting was approved by unanimous voice vote.

1. Administrative Report

*Provost Allison*

Provost Allison reported that President Maimon is testifying on budget issues in Springfield. The issues include budget cuts of more than 5% and pension underfunding by the state. PBAC has been asked to prepare three budgets, one based on a flat budget, one based on 5% cut, and a third with a 10% cut.

Provost Allison stated that summer enrollment, after the first drop for nonpayment, is down 20% from last year. He said that changes in Pell Grants may be one of the reasons. A survey of students regarding the summer term is being conducted.

Provost Allison reported that all current searches are being approved by President Maimon and that not filling vacancies due to retirements may be necessary. He

responded to a senator's question regarding the need for new faculty in programs developed for the Academic Master Plan by saying that the administration plans to launch the new programs but may have to reprioritize regarding faculty hiring.

2. Approval of March 2012 Faculty Senate meeting minutes (Quorum established.) Senator Essex made the motion to approve; Senator Jones seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote (unanimous except two abstentions by senators who had not been present).
3. General Education Task Force Report

Ann Vendrely, Chair of the General Education Task Force, stated that the Task Force had met first on January 11 and has been meeting twice a month. In March, the Task Force divided into working groups. She reported that the charge of the Task Force is to look at general education requirements for the four years of undergraduate degrees. The working groups include: (1) seminars and learning community for cohorts, (2) second and third year experiences/integration of transfer students, (3) undergraduate research, (4) learning objectives, (5) capstones (in coordination with Graduate Council's work on graduate capstones). The Task Force plans to have a general education framework and learning outcomes drafted. In response to a question from a senator, Dr. Vendrely stated that these will be submitted to the Faculty Senate's standing committees. A senator asked if the cohort format had been decided upon. Provost Allison stated that the topics for the cohorts are open but the cohort format was selected because it sets limits on the number of students and courses.

4. Faculty Senate Consultant, Joerg Tiede

Dr. Tiede provided a presentation on shared governance based on AAUP's 1966 "Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities." He also provided copies of AAUP's *Three Statements from Policy Documents & Reports*, 10<sup>th</sup> ed. Shared governance in the AAUP's definition is not a stakeholder model with equal weight given to various groups, nor does it mean that faculty vote on every question. He noted that AAUP recognizes that different groups' (governing board; president/administration; faculty) voices should be given different weights given depending on the issues and responsibilities involved. The faculty has "primary responsibility for curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status, and those aspects of student life which relate to the educational process." By "primary responsibility," AAUP means that overturning of faculty recommendations should be rare and only with good reason, which should be stated in detail. Dr. Tiede stated that this is the key concept within shared governance. In response to a question, Dr. Tiede stated that in matters of promotion and tenure there should be only a single evaluation of merit. He noted that there are areas in which faculty does not have primary responsibility, including budget matters.

Provost Allison left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

5. Faculty Reports:

- IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee: No report
- University Curriculum Committee: A written report was received from UCC chair Parin
- Academic Program Review Committee: No report
- Educational Policy Committee: Essex reported that Policy 16 Graduate Studies had been revised in regard to 500/5000 level courses and will be returned to Graduate Council. She also noted that EPC has requested an increase in the size of the committee, per the recent change in Senate Bylaws.
- Graduate Studies Council: Tymkow reported that a survey regarding capstones is being developed and input from Senate is needed. She also noted that there will be elections for Graduate Council in May. Tymkow concluded with an explanation of changes in the continuing registration (CO) process.
- Executive Committee: Senate President Muhammad stated that syllabus workshops are continuing. She said that Senate and committee nomination forms have been put in faculty mailboxes, and the completed forms are due on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

6. Bargaining Unit: No report

7. Call for Executive Session (2:15 p.m.) Senator Hechenberger made the motion; Senator Cortese seconded. Parliamentarian Kasik was granted permission to stay. During the remainder of the meeting (45 minutes), the senators discussed shared governance and other issues with Dr. Tiede.

Adjournment: 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May17, 2012, 1-3pm, McGee Hall of Honors

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Winicki  
Faculty Senate Secretary

Attached:

- UCC report

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# UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

## Report to Faculty Senate

April 19, 2012

UCC would like to thank Faculty Senate for approving additional faculty members be added to UCC's committee. This will be very helpful while completing the program reviews and over all changes that will need to be reviewed in preparation for the incoming undergraduates and simultaneously completing the catalog review process for next year.

At this time there is NO set date from the President or Provost office as to when the new program courses for the lower division classes will need to be complete. As soon as there is UCC will announce it immediately.

Once again, UCC is making the announcement now that next year's catalog submission deadline, for inclusion in the catalog, will be Friday, October 5, 2012. This advance announcement will give faculty and programs enough time to complete all requested changes and reviews. If you have any questions you would like to review concerning proposed changes, please contact UCC chair, Beth Parin.

Several 'how to complete the syllabus process' seminars have been run over the past week and for those who were able to attend thank you very much. If you were unable to attend and have any questions, again please contact UCC chair Beth Parin.

UCC is working to complete all reviews before the summer semester begins. If you have any outstanding submissions that were returned for recommended changes please resubmit them to the UCC e-mail as soon as possible so UCC may complete the review in a timely manor

UCC meets every Monday from 1:00 – 3:00. The weekly agenda for UCC will be based on submissions received by Thursday of the previous week; exceptions may be made for reconsiderations of previously submitted items or special circumstances. If there are any questions please contact Beth Parin or UCC at [UCC@govst.edu](mailto:UCC@govst.edu)

Kind Regards, Beth Parin

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