

**ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES****DATE:** April 20, 2023

**PRESENT:** Suzette Nynas  
Mara Pierce  
Scott Gorman  
John Pannell  
Paul Pope  
Vern Gagnon  
Tami Haaland (ex-officio)  
Sep Eskandari (ex-officio)  
Eileen Wright (ex-officio)

Matt Queen  
Jennifer Lynn  
Susan Gregory  
Austin Bennett  
Melissa Boehm  
Jim Barron (ex-officio)  
Susan Gilbertz (ex-officio)  
Sue Balter-Reitz (ex-officio)

**ABSENT:** Debra Schoenfeld\*  
David Russell (student)  
Vicki Trier (ex-officio)  
Kim Hayworth (ex-officio)

Kari Dahle-Huff\*  
Tom Manthey (ex-officio)  
Leslie Weldon (ex-officio)  
Jana Marcette (ex-officio)

\* *excused*

**GUESTS:** Cheri Johannes**PRESIDING:** Jennifer Lynn, Chair

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Jennifer Lynn called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Research & Creativity Symposium is tomorrow (April 21).

Commencement will be here soon – a reminder that faculty are contractually obligated to attend. Thank you to Cheri Johannes for all her work! Dr. Johannes noted that the Metra will be holding multiple events on the same day as Commencement, as well as ripping up a parking lot, so please park in the upper lot.

## II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 23 were accepted as presented.

## III. WELCOME NEW SENATORS

Suzette Nynas, CHPS  
Debra Schoenfeld, COB  
Scott Gorman, COB  
Kari Dahle-Huff, COE  
John Pannell, City College  
Vern Gagnon, At-Large

## IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

### A. Three Vice Chairs

Suzette Nynas, Vern Gagnon, and Paul Pope volunteered.

### B. Secretary

Melissa Boehm volunteered.

**The Officers were confirmed by unanimous consent.**

## V. PROVOST REPORT

Dr. Eskandari thanked the Senate for the incredible partnership over the last year.

He noted that the Research & Creativity Symposium will have twice as many participants as last year.

He also thanked Dr. Johannes for all her work. Her title, Registrar and Executive Director of the Office of Academic Success, really doesn't do justice to everything she does.

The Provost stated the COE Dean search was successful. The position has been offered to Ann Beste-Guldborg, and she has accepted. She will start July 1, and Dr. Eskandari has also asked Tom Manthey to stay on another year as Interim Associate Dean to aid in the transition.

Unfortunately, the COB Dean search was not successful. Provost Eskandari has met with the search committee and the entire COB, and we will move forward with a new search. In the meantime, He has asked Susan Gilbertz to serve as the Interim Dean, and she has agreed.

## VI. OTHER REPORTS

### **Subcommittee on AI**

John Pannell thanked the Senate for spreading the word on the AI session last week.

## VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### **A. Members to Subcommittee on AI**

Since two of the three members of the subcommittee are no longer on Senate, new members are needed. Paul Pope and Austin Bennett volunteered. One of the COE representatives will also be on the committee. John Pannell will be chair.

### **B. Fall 2023 Events**

Senate Retreat: Thursday, August 24, 12:00-2:00

Provost Council Retreat: Friday, August 25, 8:00-4:00

All Faculty Forum: Wednesday, August 30, 11:00-1:00

The Senate Retreat will be short, as all Senators are invited and encouraged to attend the Provost Council Retreat the following day. The agenda for the PC Retreat will be created in cooperation with the Senate, and will establish the open space to have collective understanding of goals for the academic year. Finally, the All Faculty Forum will be a chance to bring all faculty together in a similar fashion, for faculty to give feedback on our proposed goals—and will include a lunch!

Provost Eskandari emphasized that there are no secrets in any of these meetings. The intention is to move forward as transparently as possible.

Chair Lynn thanked the Senators for their work this past year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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