

FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
August 17, 2021
3:30 PM

Roll Call and Quorum Check - *(Barb Dahlbach)*

Approval/Correction of the Minutes for April 20th – *(Barb Dahlbach)*

President Bell, Provost Dalton, Dr. Ricky Friend

- Welcome back to campus

Thank you to UMC / Dr. Friend and the UMC / SHC team

GET Update (Feasibility Study)

Gavel Exchange

President's Report – *(Chapman Greer)*

- Back-to-School
- Paid Parental Leave progress
- 2021-2022 Agenda
- 2nd Ave crossover Bridge opening

Vice President's Report – *(Matthew Hudnall)* – No Report

Secretary's Report – *(Barb Dahlbach)*

- Update on resignations, vacancies, and committee assignments

Senate Committee Reports:

- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** – *(Lyndell McDonald & Luke Niiler)* – No Report
- **Faculty & Senate Governance** – *(Ibrahim Çemen & Jeri Zemke)* – No Report
- **Academic Affairs** – *(Rona Donahoe & Babs Davis)*
 - The Academic Affairs Committee will be addressing the following at the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester:
 - Academic Misconduct Policy revision
 - Academic Program Review Council proposal
 - We also anticipate reviewing revisions of the Faculty Handbook, particularly the following Faculty Handbook sections during the Fall semester:
 - Copyright Policy
 - Patent Procedure
- **Community & Legislative Affairs** – *(Joy Burnham & Steven Yates)* – No Report
- **Faculty Life** – *(Heather Elliott & Ruth Ann Hall)*
 - Parental leave
 - Childcare
 - Academic freedom
 - Miscellaneous

- **Financial Affairs** – (*Mary Stone & Byung-Cheol Kim*) – No Report
- **Research & Service** – (*Shanlin Pan & Douglas Bish*) – No Report
- **IT & Strategic Communications** – (*Patrick Kung & Nathan Loewen*)
 - First meeting of academic year with VP for Strat Com scheduled for Aug. 13
 - Met with OIT on July 9. Topics discussed include:
 - HPC: OIT has the support of Provost, VP Mumper, and VP Fajack. Support staff increased to 2, with PhDs in simulation/computing to better support faculty. Current 3-pronged roadmap:
 - Physical relocation to lease space with DC Blox in Birmingham
 - Increased off-premises connectivity
 - Cloud HPC support (will bring consultant to help faculty find the right solution). Also looking into collaboration within SEC (UF, ORNL)
 - Classroom Technology: audio/visual equipment of 25 classrooms to be upgraded over the Summer (vs. 12~15/year in the past)
 - Blackboard: 2014-18 will be removed: (OIT will still have access)
 - Day-to-day computing support:
 - IT Service Desk is now fully staffed
 - Will add a chat bot for standard questions before a ticket is issued
 - A few colleges have their own IT desktop support, so there's a layer of triage that can slow response
 - Computer surplus: Department-to-department transfer possible. Can make transfers (e.g., OIT's IT forum) before sending to UA Property Control
 - O365: Email & directory consolidation across campus ongoing
 - Latest: Finance and Operations
 - Law/C&BA/Athletic have their own exchanges or use Gmail
 - UA Box will continue. OneDrive available.
 - GoogleDrive will start charging Summer 2023 (OIT will communicate the cost when known) so there might be a need for faculty to move files out
 - MyBama: Will have a new look in Fall 2021
- **Student Life** – (*Jennifer Dempsey & Amy Traylor*)
 - Student Back-to-School Policies

Reports from Other Committees

- Compliance Committee (*Babs Davis*)

Old Business

New Business

Reminders

- **Next SC meeting: September 21st – Venue: Hybrid (Zoom / In-Person: 1015 North Lawn Hall)**

Adjourn