**University Faculty Senate Agenda**

January 23, 2023 Online Zoom meeting

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**These are open meetings to all faculty. If you wish to attend, email a member of senate leadership for a zoom link.**

**Senators in attendance:** Francis Degnin (Chair), Melissa Dobosh (Vice-Chair), Gretchen Gould (Secretary), John Burnight (Past Chair),  James Mattingly (Faculty Chair), Imam Alam, Nick Bailey, Megan Balong,  Karen Breitbach, Michael Conrad, Robert Earle, Kenneth Elgersma, Randall Harlow, Mark Hecimovich, Rob Hitlan, Charles Holcombe, Sang Koh, ~~Karla Krueger~~, Matthew Makarios, Andrew Stollenwerk, Ali Tabei (Fifty percent quorum met, with 18/19 voting senators present; the Faculty Chair is non-voting, as provided in the Faculty Constitution, and the Senate Chair votes only in case of a tie.)

**Call to Order** at 3:30 PM [time stamp 00:00:02]

**Call for Press Identification**

*None present*

**Introduction of Guests**

Regular Guests: Mark Nook, José Herrera, John Vallentine, ~~Patrick Pease~~, Becky Hawbaker, Leila Masinovic

Additional Guests: Chris Martin, Judy Harrington, Mick Mack, Kristen Moser, Scott Peters, Brenda Bass, Nathan Taylor

**Courtesy Announcements**

Comments from President Nook [time stamp 00:00:50]

*President Nook welcomed everyone back and discussed state-level issues that impact UNI, including the Governor’s proposed budget. Additionally, President Nook said they are currently following more than 90 bills proposed in the legislature. He also updated the Senate on the current fundraising efforts.*

Comments from Provost Herrera [time stamp 00:09:13]

*Provost Herrera provided updates on the nursing program, as well as enrollment. The Iowa Board of Nursing has approved UNI for submitting a proposal and there are currently enough interested students to fill a cohort. Provost Herrera also indicated that there are modest gains in applications (8% increase) and confirms (6% increase) and that we are coming into the most important part of the enrollment cycle.*

Comments from United Faculty President Hawbaker [time stamp 00:14:19]

*United Faculty President Hawbaker shared updates on a variety of issues. First, negotiations have begun with the Board of Regents and United Faculty President Hawbaker shared updates on salary negotiations. Second, faculty are encouraged to give feedback to United Faculty on student accessibility services. Finally, in addition to opening the Outstanding Teaching Award to contingent faculty, there is also a new “Above and Beyond” award for contingent faculty.*

Comments from Senate Chair Degnin [time stamp 00:19:15]

*Faculty Senate Chair Degnin saved his comments so that there would be more time for agenda items.*

**Minutes for Approval:**

Minutes from November 28 2022 [time stamp 00:19:30]

MOTION: Burnight/Elgersma ( 15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

**Tabled from previous meeting:**

1520[Affirming the procedure of asking for a letter of support for Emeritus Applications](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/affirming-procedure-asking-letter-support-emeritus)[time stamp 00:20:47]

MOTION: Burnight/Dobosh (15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

*UNI Emeritus Association Chair Judy Harrington shared some details about the history of emeritus status and the importance of recognizing that this status is awarded based on merit, not simply time served.*

**Consultations:**

1524 [Consultation: New Peer Institutions Criteria and Proposal](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/consultation-new-peer-institutions-criteria-and-proposal) [time stamp 00:38:33]

*Kristin Moser reviewed the process for selecting peer institutions and discussed the new list which includes 4 of the 10 previous peers institutions, along with 6 new institutions. This will be presented to the Board of Regents in the next week. Moser also addressed questions surrounding faculty salaries and tenure at peer institutions, as well as about criteria used to generate the list.*

1525 [Consultation: Proposed New Health School](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/consultation-proposed-new-health-school) [time stamp 00:53:55]

*Dean Bass shared details about the proposed new school, including how decisions were made about the 8 founding programs of the school, as well as next steps. These inaugural programs want to be launched by Fall 2023.*

**Items Requiring Senate Decisions:**

1526[Policy Update: 3.06: Class Attendance and Make-Up Work](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/policy-update-306-class-attendance-and-make-work) [time stamp 01:01:31]

MOTION: Dobosh/Elgersma (15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

*This motion passed with a friendly amendment to make a minor edit to the policy.*

1527[Revisit Docket # 1519: New Process for Curriculum Approval](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/revisit-docket-1519-new-process-curriculum-approval)[time stamp 01:07:26]

*Senator Stollenwork petitioned to reverse the decision to approve the new process for curriculum approval. Senator Stollenwerk shared his concerns surrounding the removal of College Senates from the curriculum process, stating that this change removed the most important people from the process. Provost Herrera shared that the new curriculum process does not prevent College Senates from creating their own internal procedures for curriculum review. Senators discussed possible options forward.*

Motion to extend meeting by 15 minutes: Dobosh/Burnight (13 yes, 1 no) [time stamp 01:28:51]

*After discussion, Senate Chair Degnin suggested creating a committee to explore new avenues for going forward. However, Senator Stollenwerk asked for a vote to reverse the decision to approve the new curriculum process. Before the vote occurred, Senator Earle made a motion to table the vote. This would mean that the new curriculum process, already approved by Faculty Senate on 11/28/22, would be in effect for the 2023-2024 catalog and the vote to reverse approval could impact the 2024-2025 catalog.*

MOTION to table: Earle/Burnight (11 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention) [time stamp 01:36:52]

**Emeritus Requests tabled for next meeting:**

1528 [Emeritus Request: Michele Devlin](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/emeritus-request-michele-devlin)

1529 [Emeritus Request: Susan Etscheidt](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/emeritus-request-susan-etscheidt)

**Adjournmen**t at 5:13 pm.

MOTION: Burnight/Dobosh

Submitted by Melissa Dobosh, Vice-Chair of the University Faculty Senate

The transcript from the Zoom chat is appended.

00:50:06 John Burnight: Thank you, Judy!

00:54:54 Ali Tabei: We can easily normalize cost of living!

00:59:28 Ali Tabei: Are the variables equally weighted in the scoring?

01:05:14 Ali Tabei: Thank you Kristin!

01:23:15 Ali Tabei: I agree that the faculty senate will be less comprehensive compare to the college level!

01:27:38 Ali Tabei: Agree with Robert!

01:28:30 Robert Earle: I am new; but I know that now. Thanks, Francis!

01:32:10 Andrew Stollenwerk: If other universities do things at the college level, why are we cutting it out?

01:38:17 Francis Degnin Chair, University Faculty Senate: We need to vote on extending the meeting

01:44:00 Scott Peters: Proposals do get changed along the way, sent back to the originator, etc. Working in parallel does not seem like it would be practical.

01:51:07 Scott Peters: A full draft of the new curriculum handbook is complete and has been distributed to UCC for review & mark up.