

Faculty Senate Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2020 Via WebEx 2:30 PM

I. Attendance

B. Lynch, K. Armbruster, J. Bohus, P. Davis, G. Glasgow, S. Jensen, J. Lassetter, D. MacCartney, J. Palmer, KK Pease, T. Reilly, L. Risik, D. Smith, D. Stiles.

II. Approval of Minutes – All

Upon motion by K. Armbruster, seconded by D. Smith, the Senate unanimously approved the minutes of the April 16, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting pending revisions.

Upon motion by K. Armbruster, seconded by L. Risik, the Senate unanimously approved the minutes of the April 21, 2020 Faculty Assembly meeting.

III. President’s Report –B. Lynch

The President’s Council met this week wherein President Schuster discussed the creation of three new task forces as they relate to “Transition to Campus – Based Operations, Safety, Security and Communications Support, and Academic Continuity and Support” in response to Covid19.

The Senate went on to discuss whether or not there should be a certain number of faculty representatives on these task forces. The following resolution was decided:

The Senate unanimously approved, with four abstentions, a motion by T. Reilly, seconded by K. Armbruster, stating that the Faculty Senate looks forward to participation in the three new Covid19 Task Forces created by the President’s Council with representation on each.

The Senate unanimously approved, with two abstentions, a motion by T. Reilly, seconded by S. Jensen, to include contingent (adjunct) faculty representation on the Covid19 Task Force for Academic Continuity and Support created by the President’s Council.

IV. Faculty Senate Calendar 2020-2021 – B. Lynch

Based on previous Senate meeting calendars, C. Guehring prepared a draft of the Faculty Senate 2020-2021 meeting calendar for approval by the Senate (*Attachment A*). This draft did not include any summer meetings. The Senate discussed possible dates for summer meetings.

The Senate unanimously approved a motion by J. Bohus, seconded by JP Palmer, to add June 18, 2020 and July 23, 2020 as meeting dates to the proposed 2020-2021 Senate calendar.

V. Appointed Committee Seats – all

The Senate unanimously approved a motion by K. Armbruster, seconded by P. Davis, to appoint Ryan Groeneman to the Committee to Review Faculty for a SPECIAL one-year term ending May 31, 2021.

The Senate unanimously approved a motion by G. Glasgow, seconded by D. MacCartney, to appoint Trent Patterson to the International Studies Committee for a regular three-year term ending May 31, 2023.

The Senate unanimously approved motion by D. MacCartney, seconded by T. Reilly, to appoint Stuart Hill to the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Committee for a regular three-year term ending May 31, 2023.

The Senate unanimously approved motion by D. MacCartney, seconded by T. Reilly, to appoint Morgan Grotewiel to the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Committee for a regular three-year term ending May 31, 2023.

The Senate unanimously approved a motion by K. Armbruster, seconded by G. Glasgow, to appoint Murray Farish to the Speakers Committee for a regular three-year term ending May 31, 2023.

The Senate unanimously approved a motion by K. Armbruster, seconded by G. Glasgow, to appoint Tate Foley to the Speakers Committee for a regular three-year term ending May 31, 2023.

VI. Proposal of Electronic & Photographic Media Department (Attachment B) – B. Lynch

The Senate unanimously passed a motion by L. Risik, seconded by K. Armbruster, to accept the Proposal for changing the name of the Department of Electronic and Photograph Media to the Department of Media Arts as written.

(The proposal will now be forwarded to Academic Affairs)

VII. Old Business

a. 2020 Spring Institute – August 18, 2020: C. Guehring will reserve catering by Sodexo with the same menu that had been planned for the original March 2020 date.

b. 2020 Fall Institute – October 2, 2020: C. Guehring will find a caterer for dinner. The Senate agreed to move this topic to the Agenda for the the May 21, 2020 meeting.

c. Questions of T. Reilly:

1. Adjunct Bonuses: Senator Reilly reported that there is much confusion in her department concerning the bonus structure that has been handed

down to Adjuncts. She feels it needs to be equitable and transparent across all departments and programs. She feels the decision was made for them without their input. She would like the adjuncts to be consulted about salary negotiations made by Salary & Fringe Benefits in the future. She feels there should be clear criteria and policy on how adjuncts are paid and rewarded. She also stated that the University needs to institute a non-tenure rank and classification system that is in line with the status-status/track faculty model.

The Senate discussed T. Reilly's ideas at length.

2. T. Reilly stated that adjuncts who teach at one other institution are being required to take a 20-hour training course without pay on how to teach online. She believes that Webster adjuncts should be compensated for training if they are required to do so.

3. T. Reilly continues to request that the administration provide the Senate with the 2019-2020 enrollment and financial information. She stated that there is precedence that various administrative units were occasionally requested to make a report to the Senate to provide data. D. MacCartney stated that we should invite those units in the fall semester.

President Lynch states that the administration has not provided that information due to the failure of transparency in the fall with the changes in governance and titles without faculty input and due to the fact that the faculty did not treat them respectfully at the fall Assembly meeting concerning the same.

The Senate unanimously agreed upon motion by D. MacCartney, seconded by T. Reilly, to adjourn this Faculty Senate meeting at 4:00PM.

2020-2021 PROPOSED FACULTY SENATE CALENDAR

June 18**	FS
July 23**	FS
August 18	2020 Spring Institute
Aug 20	FS (convocation)
Sept 10	FS
Sept 22	Assembly meeting
Sept 24	FS
Oct 2	2020 FALL INSTITUTE
Oct 8	FS
Oct 27	Assembly meeting
Nov 5	FS
Nov 19	FS
Dec 3	FS
Jan 14	FS
Jan 28	FS
Feb 9	Assembly meeting
Feb 11	FS
Feb 25	FS
March 18	FS
March 19	SPRING INSTITUTE
April 1	FS
April 15	FS
April 20	Assembly meeting
May 6	FS
May 20	FS

Please note the time for ALL Senate meetings beginning August 20, 2020 will be 2:30-3:50pm on Thursdays.

**** These dates were added to the table pursuant to their addition and approval by the Senate at the May 7, 2020 Senate meeting.**

Proposal for changing the name of the Department of Electronic and Photographic Media to the Department of Media Arts.

The Department of Electronic and Photographic Media unanimously propose to change the name of the department to the **Department of Media Arts**, beginning in the 2020-21 academic year. This proposal has received unanimous support from the faculty and staff of the department, the school, and the dean.

The Department of Electronic and Photographic Media (EPMD) offers B.A. programs in Animation (ANIM), Film, Television and Video Production (FTVP), Film Studies (FLST), Games and Game Design (GAME), Interactive Digital Media (INTM), and Photography (PHOT) as well as the M.A. program in New Media Production (NPRO).

The Department of Electronic and Photographic Media is a poor description, antiquated title, and not in common use. Media Arts is a better description and more common title used in Media Communications Schools with program offerings similar to EPMD:

- American University, <https://www.american.edu/soc/film/> o School of Communication has a Department of Film and Media Arts. o Programs: Film and Media Production, Game Design, Games and Interactive Media, Film, Television and Video,
- Ithaca College, <https://catalog.ithaca.edu/undergrad/schools/park-schoolcommunications/department-media-arts-sciences-studies/> o School of Communications has a Department of Media Arts, Sciences, and Studies. o Programs: Cinema and Photography, Emerging Media, Film, Photography and Visual Arts, and Animation.
- Quinnipiac University, <https://www.qu.edu/schools/communications.html> o School of Communications has a Department of Film, Television, and Media Arts. o Programs: Film, Television and Media Arts, Graphic and Interactive Design,
- Ohio University <https://www.ohio.edu/honors/future-students/programs/media-arts.cfm> o School of Media Arts & Studies o Programs: Film, Animation, Game Design, Integrated Media Production, Audio, and Scriptwriting.
- Columbia College Chicago <https://www.colum.edu/academics/media-arts/index> o School of Media Arts o Programs: Audio Arts and Acoustics, Cinema and Television Arts, Communication, and Interactive Arts and Media.

This change in department name will better communicate who we are, with a more current, recognizable description of our departmental offerings.

EPMD Faculty:

Chris Sagovac (Chair), Chris Aaron, Julia Griffey, Michael Long, Bill Barrett, Van McElwee, Juraj Bohus, Kyu Park, Mike Breault, and David Rocco.

EPMD Staff:

Sharon Turner