

Faculty Assembly Minutes
Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 (12:40pm)

Present: Steve Abedon, Jamison Kantor, Dawn Kitchen, Phil Mazzocco, Kate Shannon, Amy Brunell, Joe Fahey, Molly Cavender, Heather Tanner, Dennis Shaffer, Kelly Whitney, Carol Landry, Mirel Caibar, Ozeas Costa, Eric Anderman, Del Lindsey, Tara Hines, Elizabeth Kolkovich, Agus Munoz-Garcia, Terri Winnick, Terri Bucci, Glenn Hartz, Cynthia Callahan, Michelle Kowalski, Adrienne Hopson, Nikki Robishaw, John Thrasher.

Guests: Camryn Johnston, Mandi Garver

1. Approval of 2/27/24 Faculty Assembly meeting minutes

A motion to approve the 2/27/2024 Faculty Assembly meeting minutes (after a correction suggested by Amy Brunell was included) was made by Heather Tanner and seconded by Del Lindsey. The minutes were approved with 17 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

2. Introduction to new HR team: Camryn Johnston and Mandi Garver

Camryn Johnston (HR Consultant): HR Consultant for Lima and Mansfield campuses. Handles hiring of student employees, benefits questions, paycheck issues, etc.

Mandi Garver (HR Business Partner): Handles more of the strategy side of HR, employee relations, compensation projects, etc.

3. Standing Committee Reports

Time was allotted for standing committee reports and/or questions from the Faculty Assembly. There were no reports or questions for Professional Development, Resource Stewardship or Student Support and Enrichment, or Teaching and Learning.

4. Senate Reports

No reports were given.

5. Dean's Report

- University President Ted Carter visited campus on 3/20/24. During his visit, he met with Dean Anderman, took a student-guided tour, saw the new engineering labs, saw Ovalwood and the Art Gallery, and took part in a media interview.
- There was a meeting with officials for the 179th Air National Guard. The Guard would like to conduct various trainings on our campus related to cyber-security. The Guard appears interested in forming connections with our campus, and Ohio State in general.
- We got a 100k grant from Honda to help fund three industrial robots for the Engineering Lab.
- Mansfield Mayor Jodie Perry has agreed to be our Graduation Speaker.
- There is a new Staff Award this year: "The Emerging Staff Award".

6. Reflection on Teams Discussion Thread on Hiring

There seems to be general interest in supporting the new GE in supporting the legacy majors when possible. There was also a brief discussion regarding strategy for talking with the incoming Dean candidates.

7. Call for Officers for 2024/2025 Academic Year

Faculty are encouraged to volunteer for Executive Committee positions for next year. The only position that still requires a nominee is Faculty Secretary. Nominations, self and otherwise, can be sent to Faculty Vice President, Jamison Kantor.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25pm

Minutes taken and prepared by Phil Mazzocco, Faculty Secretary.