

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
4:30 – 6:00
Conard 120H

Present: Kip Curtis, Agus Munoz-Garcia, Heather Tanner, Dennis Shaffer, Amy Brunell, Glenn Hartz, Cynthia Callahan, Jason Opal, Elizabeth Kolkovich, Joe Fahey, John Thrasher, Terri Winnick, Kate Shannon, Ozeas Costa, Carol Landry, Dawn Kitchen, Del Lindsey, Donna Farland-Smith, Mary Cavendar, Faith Wyzgoski, Sergei Chmutov, Terri Bucci, Mirel Caibar, Glenn Hartz, Stephan Frank, Helen Malone, Andy Shelton, Steve Abedon

I. Approval of March 18, 2025 Faculty Assembly Minutes

Carol made a motion to approve the February 18, 2025 meeting minutes. Agus seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with 17 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

II. Elections

Carol steps down from Secretary.

Discussion was had concerning the Senate position and the term length.

The slate of executive council candidates was revised.

We had a poll for EC President and affirmed the other positions. Heather moved, Carol seconded, 20 for, , 0 opposed, 1 abstention

21 votes—Agus Munoz won EC President with a 67% vote.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Teaching & Learning—Chair, Mirel Caibar. Shared details of the end of semester report. Nothing else new to report. SEI subcommittee produced a report—correctly identified the problem but solution does not seem to address the problem in a meaningful way.
Three Mansfield professor evaluations were used for the subcommittee report. Suggestions should be sent to Alan Kalish who will be in charge of revising the SEI.
Question regarding informative sessions for introducing the GE to students.
- b. Student Support & Enrichment—Chair, Agus Munoz-Garcia. Shared details of the end of semester report. Nothing else new to report.
- c. Resource Stewardship—Terri Winnick. Shared details of end of semester report.
- d. Professional Development Committee—Steve Abedon— Shared details of end of semester report.

IV. Faculty Senate Reports

Donna—faculty council—sent out an end of semester summary of events. Will be working throughout the summer on addressing SB1. Big deadline for SB1 will be on June 2nd. Looking for feedback from faculty and will send that out at the end of the meeting.

Arts & Sciences Senate Report: Senator Heather Tanner— sent out an end of semester summary of events. Senate meets tomorrow. The University's reading of SB1 should not affect teaching, performing research, or how we are reaching out to the community. The way we are currently operating satisfies letter of the law. It will be one year before any post-tenure review or posting the syllabi procedures are set in motion. Dean Horn is forming a committee with department chairs and others and Heather has been asked to serve and will agree to do so—committee will be looking at how we navigate through SB1. We retain control over the processes of complaints of what is going on and post-tenure reviews. Deans are meeting with legal to explore concerns and welcome anyone sending concerns. The university is carefully monitoring international students who are losing their ability to continue school here—working with them so they can continue taking courses so they will not be deprived of their degree.

V. Dean's Report, Dean Jason Opal

3 items—Facilities, POA update, SB1

Facilities—space in front of the recreation center will be supported by private donors and money from OAA between academic core and Riedl.

Conard roof will be facilitated by philanthropic effort and state funding; Eisenhower—currently working on this.

Molyet village bridge needs to be fixed and upgraded. There are some talks having the campus entertain cross-country invitations for which fixing the bridge will be imperative.

POA—want it fairly well-aligned with other regionals including Newark.

SB1—on our side of things, there seem to be only a handful of faculty courses that may be affected. Working with them on the legal side to see if there is anything to know about. Amy will help these faculty directly in terms of syllabus and content of the course.

Question--What is the plan to fix Conard 241?—Will be paid for by biennial state allocation two years ago. Will be done this spring/summer.

VI. Dean's Report, Dean Dawn Kitchen

Bookstore is up and running. Barnes and Noble pop-up will continue to run. Think they will be our bookstore for the next Fall.

Engineering discovery day is this Friday.

Last preview day for students is this Monday. Admission events have been a huge success. Students can still sign up for Monday's event.

Summer enrollment is struggling a little bit. Announcements in class may help promote this.

Announced today that the Day of Celebration will be Friday, May 2nd.

Luann Howard will step into Social Work—field coordinating liaison.

STEM camp this summer—Life on Mars science approach. 6th-8th graders.

Graduation is May 1st—thanks to Cynthia and team for running graduation celebration.

Cynthia has taken on orientation planning.

Donna Hight sent us and said that Student Life in Columbus was workshopping with staff: <https://freedomofexpression.osu.edu/>

VII. Associate Dean for Faculty Enrichment Report, Amy Brunell

Thanks to everyone for work on academic awards.

Book orders take some time—so order them early.

Chris Kick puts out press releases. Has also reached out to every single student's hometown.

Cynthia reminded us that Chris Kick's work has a link to faculty forms on webpage for marketing and communication. Reach out to him if you have anything to promote.

Academic Integrity and AI—if it helps build a case you may talk with the student, but it is not required to go forward with a COAM case

Meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.

VIII. Addendum:

Patrick Louchouart and Lisa Florman—announced and recognized Kate Shannon as 2024-2025 artist laureate at OSU—Only the 3rd laureate at OSU and 1st laureate from a regional campus. The awarded stipend will be used to engage the community connecting art workshops to history.