

Faculty Senate Meeting  
November 18, 2019  
Minutes

**Senators Present:** Heather Bailey, Bill Beardsley, Laura Behling, Sara Freeman, Megan Gessel, Jairo Hoyos, Chris Kendall, Jung Kim, Julia Looper, Tiffany MacBain, Sarah Moore

**Guest:** Nick Kontogeorgopoulos

- I. Chair Freeman called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.
- II. Announcements
  - None.
- III. **M/S/P** approval of minutes from November 11 meeting.
- IV. Updates from ASUPS or Staff Senate
  - Gessel reported that members of the Staff Senate expressed appreciation for faculty statements of support for the staff at the November 6 Faculty Meeting.
- V. Reports from Liaisons to Standing Committees
  - Moore reported that the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (“IACUC”) would like to add language to the proposed bylaw change. They would like the language to allow them to continue monitoring the relevant protocol. They have also expressed interest in maintaining an *ex officio* member of the committee. Freeman commented that they are having some difficulty determining precise protocols for approval of student projects subject to faculty supervisors having completed CITI training; often faculty do not receive request to supervise until after the period in which CITI training would have to have been completed.
- VI. Discussion of Curriculum Reform
  - Freeman framed the discussion by noting that at the next Faculty Meeting, scheduled for November 20, faculty will focus on taking decisions that will move the Curriculum Reform beyond the current deliberative stage and allow the Curriculum Task Force (“CTF”) to proceed with its mandate. This will likely result in one or more faculty members bringing a motion to the floor of the Faculty Meeting.

- Kontogeorgopoulos distributed a motion, in the following form, that he planned to introduce at the Faculty Meeting:

*The CTF shall administer a binding, electronic, ranked-choice vote (RCV instant runoff voting) of the five summer proposals, in order to decide which proposal the faculty wishes the CTF to model and further develop as the template for revising Puget Sound's core curriculum and graduation requirements. The CTF will present a revised version of the selected proposal to the full faculty during the spring semester. Representatives from the selected proposal's working groups will be invited to join the CTF. Approval of this motion does not enact a change to the curriculum.*

Kontogeorgopoulos stressed that he was not seeking Faculty Senate endorsement of the motion, but that he was bringing the motion to the Senate's attention in advance of the Faculty Meeting to ensure transparency and to hear any initial concerns.

He noted that including all five models would address concerns that certain models had not received adequate consideration in the process to date, and that rank-choice voting would avoid the possibility of a vote not returning a majority in favor of one model.

- Discussion focused on the strengths and weaknesses of the motion. In particular, concerns were raised with regard to the governance implications of adding members of any working group to the CTF, as the latter is an elected, representative body. Further concerns focused on the likelihood that adding members of one working group to the CTF would limit the CTF's ability to make necessary revisions to the model as well as undermine the consensus-building effects of rank-choice voting.
- Further discussion focused on the possibility of voting not on individual models and their respective structures, but on principles embedded in the various models. The point was raised that it might be difficult to agree on which principles to include in such a vote. The Senate discussed the possibility of holding simultaneous votes on the various models' structures and principles.
- Further discussion focused on concerns of equity, and the desire to ensure other members of the faculty had the opportunity to present motions for consideration at the Faculty Meeting. Freeman suggested, and the Senate indicated general agreement, that the Senate Chair would communicate to the full faculty via email the content of the Kontogeorgopoulos motion as well as issue a call for any additional interested faculty to circulate alternative motions.

VII. Other Business

- None

The meeting adjourned at 1:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Kendall