

Minutes

Faculty Council 5 December 2024

253 BSC at 3:30pm

Voting Participants: Blythe Janowiak, Elena Bray Speth, Emily Hite, Silvana Siddali, Melissa Ochoa, Flannery Burke, Brian Downes, Mark Ruff, Andre Zampaulo, Rachel Smith, Melinda McPherson, Jonathan Jacobs, Elizabeth Block, Sarah Bauer, Scott Ragland, Ruben Rosario, Ruth Warner, Ellen Carnaghan, Anneke Bart, Stephanie Tennill, Kim Powlishta, Brenda Kirchoff, Ben England, Cathleen Fleck (*On Zoom, not voting*)

Non-Voting Participants: Dan Kozlowski, Laurie Russell, Gary Barker, Jen Popiel, Dan Nickolai, Ness Sandoval, Daniel Smith, Kira Banks, Grant Kaplan, Lori Baron

Welcome & Greetings (from Ruben, FC President)

- This is an extra meeting largely devoted to curriculum issues. The dean is not here due to another meeting, so there is no dean's report either.
- Next week, December 11th, all faculty town hall; email announcement was sent earlier this week. It will likely concern workload policy.

Announcement by SLU chapter of the AAUP (Silvana Siddali) (Upcoming meeting Thursday, December 12, at 4:30 p.m. Zoom link: <https://slu.zoom.us/j/91089704928>)

- You are all invited to an open meeting that will be held virtually next Thursday the 12th at 4:30pm. Link above.
- You do not have to be a member of AAUP to attend. It's a place where all can share their concerns. We fight for academic freedom and an effective voice for the faculty. Please consider stopping by to introduce yourselves and to chat about concerns and the directions of the university.
- Follow-up from Ruben: The Zoom link can be forwarded to all faculty whether they are members of AAUP. Our membership has ebbed and flowed; please consider attending.

Reports

1. Faculty Senate

1. No report today

2. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee report (from Sarah Bauer)

1. There is one new addition to the document disseminated earlier (BIOL 1500). See [new handout](#) for changes and proposals.
2. Question: Members here of the biology department have no memory of the BA Biology in Madrid discussion. We are not sure where this originated. Response from Gary Barker: Madrid is saying they have the capability to offer the BA, and the Biology dept chair is aware and has been involved in discussions.

3. Motion has come from the committee. No second needed. Motion passes.

3. Graduate Curriculum Committee report (Kimberly Powlishta)

1. See [the handout](#) for motions.

2. No questions. Motion has come from the committee; no second needed. Motion passes.

New Business

- None

Announcements from the Floor

- Thanks to all for coming. We may make a December meeting permanent in the future.

Adjourn at 3:48pm.