

Minutes

Extraordinary Meeting of the Faculty

8 April 2025, 12:00pm, College Hall Music Room

Recorded Attendance

Barton, Bauer, Bedgood, Clark, Clore, Collins, Corradi, Ellis, Feild, Fennie, Gilchrist, Graham, Harley, Hernandez, Hicks, Hubbard, Khemraj, Kottke, Levell, Loveland, McDonald, Mercado-Harvey, Mikics, Mikkelsen, Myhill, Pirone, Poimenidou, Portugal, Ryba, Serban, Sherman, Shi, Thompson, Toms, Vyas, Wells, Wheatland, Yildirim, Yu, Zhang

Guests/Staff

Harvey, Havel, Lopez Zafra, Rodriguez, Rohrbacher, Rowe, Whittle, Zamsky

Call to order

- Called to order by co-Chair at 12:06
- Quorum not met
- Discussion and vote on two motions

Announcement

- Meeting called to discuss and vote on two motions. Needed prior to BOT meeting
- Each motion discussed for no more than 25 minutes
- Each person can speak twice
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Motion 1: Moved that the faculty approve the proposed Master's degree in Educational Leadership, while the regular divisional and EPC process for approval continues.

- Motion made by Mikics
- Seconded by Ellis
- Discussion
 - Mikics
 - Provided rationale
 - Noted interest—15 students ready to enrol
 - Faculty approve Master's Degree in Leadership.
 - What is educational leadership?
 - Appeals to high and middle school principals
 - Kottke
 - Rationale of starting before funding secured, seems backward
 - Provost
 - Preferable to get funding first, but this is wanted by state
 - Wells
 - Who wrote the proposal?
 - Mikics did not write it
 - Consultant was brought in (they don't have full name to report)
 - Khemraj
 - You said 15 students interested, are they already in the program?
 - Provost
 - Some on coaching staff, others from the community
 - Hicks
 - Has concerns about starting program before funding secure
 - We don't have an education program
 - Will the teaching be separate faculty?
 - Myhill

- How this is related to NCF's program is concerning
 - Need to have people at school who know about these topics
 - What is hiring process?
 - Provost.
 - Have director already; one person will teach first term
- Gilchrist
 - How does this relate to the mission of the college?
 - Provost.
 - Many colleges have graduate programs. Brings teaching percent from 97% to 95%. Not an anomaly
 - Gilchrist said it doesn't match our mission. Are we changing it?
 - Provost.
 - Have a lot of money. It is prudent, when one has available monies, to add in programs
- Clore
 - Is it geared towards classical academy faculty? Quotes in different parts of the proposal suggest it could be related
 - Provost
 - No it is not a part of that
- Harvey
 - Concerned about whether now is the time to approve it.
- Ellis
 - Students at NCF are engaged in teaching activities
 - Clarification by ? : But this is for principles.
 - This is a way to market ourselves.
 - Also, classics certificate and educational masters would be a desired combination
 - Strategically it would be a good thing.
- Hernandez
 - NCUFF is fighting grievances about programs being put in motion without vote.
 - The union does not think a quick forced vote on a program is a means of appropriately considering the program; this is not happening in a considered way
 - It is not a reflection of true shared governance. It is forced.
 - Masters can help the school. Not against the program, but against the process
- McDonald
 - Follow up on Hernandez
 - Masters of Data Science was designed with undergraduate students in mind. The statutory law is broken into four pieces. Statutory change was required to make the data science program happen
- Provost
 - A vote of trustees is tomorrow.
 - Not the end of faculty governance
- Ellis
 - Is statute change applicable to this?
 - Pat: No, it was specifically for data science
- Gilchrist
 - Is there space?
 - Is there a business plan?
 - Provost.
 - Doesn't know the specifics.
 - Space is for evening activities so not an issue
- Question called
 - Nays have it (majority)
 - Motion does not carry
 - No quorum 34 (45 needed). Two are not eligible
 - Vote not binding

Motion 2: Move that the faculty approve the proposed AOC in International Commerce and Society, while the regular divisional and EPC process for approval continues.

- Motion made by Khemraj
- Seconded (did not identify who seconded)
- Discussion
- Kheraj
 - How can we better serve our students
 - After 16 years putting together courses in specific economic areas this is a good time for the college to move forward with the program
- Hicks
 - Supported in divisional meeting
 - Will it be in International Studies, if not, then should perhaps be titled World Commerce and Society
- Collins
 - Originally was intended for international studies
 - Feels it is an oversell of a business program.
 - This program does not have core business classes.
 - If approved, don't oversell; doesn't meet long term needs for students
- Khemraj
 - Economics is foundation of business, as with political science also
 - We would have liked to have added more courses, but we can't because of constraints with legislature, etc.
 - Collins
 - Will they really use language as a content subject?
 - It does not add a cent to the college
 - Does not agree with Collins's concerns
- Yu
 - Happy for program to work with International Area Studies
- Hicks
 - We don't have a business school
 - We approved an International Area Studies program
 - One could take this as a secondary, and then students could go on to get an MBA
- Pirone
 - As someone who has a business degree, thinks it would have been something of interest to him as a student
 - Legal obligation to meet the needs of students
 - Volunteered to teach a course
- Mercado-Harvey
 - There are a large number of students from Latin America who are very interested in a program like this
 - There are courses that address the needs for Economics, but this would expand to international oriented business
- Pat
 - Likes that faculty is discussing
 - Some students say there is no thesis. Will there be a required thesis?
 - Khemraj
 - Thesis or project
 - (Projects are appropriate in economics/business)
- Alberto pointed out that this degree is in process. So if we vote, it is not binding for the process to continue.
- Vote

- Yays have it
- Motion carries
- No quorum 34 (45 needed). Two are not eligible
 - Vote not binding

Closing

- Provost confirmed for both motions that the form is not binding, because the process is continuing
- Process will continue.

Meeting adjourned 1:00

Respectfully submitted

Kristopher Fennie