

Agenda for University Faculty Council Meeting, October 1, 2021, Noon to 1:30pm.

1. Prayer. Volunteer will be solicited.
2. Election of officers: chair, vice-chair, and secretary.
3. Assignment of members to serve as liaisons to other university-level committees and councils. Members who are serving on those committees automatically are designated to be the liaisons. (In the past, this has taken about three minutes.)
4. Brief (no more than five minutes) presentation by Seta Khajarian, our Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, with regard to upcoming October 20 meeting of UFC members with members of the WSCUC accrediting team. Discussion, if desired.
5. Discussion of draft of new academic freedom policy, based largely on the AAUP/AAC statement. Possible approval for distribution to faculties of schools, for their consideration. Broad consensus, though not unanimity, ordinarily required for such matters.
6. COVID issues (which are interdependent and may be discussed as a whole rather than serially, as desired by members).
  - a. Possible renewal, in light of COVID variants, of the expired COVID teaching modality appeal process.
  - b. Discussion of the vaccination exemption policy: criteria, method of evaluation, and right of faculty members to know which students have not been vaccinated. This includes the question whether there should be a vaccination mandate, with or without exemptions.
  - c. Discussion of the flawed data that was distributed regarding the level of student vaccination.
  - d. Discussion of the need for a speedy process for clarifying and revising the university COVID policies when there are inconsistencies or problems. (Draft document to come from PGBS.)
7. Request from PGBS member for discussion of titles for practitioner (non-tenured) supporting faculty. [One member suggests that the employment of faculty who are non-tenured, non-tenure track, and not eligible for multi-year contracts – often called adjuncts or year-to-year visitors, all of whom serve at the pleasure of a dean – could be a subject for future discussion, unless UFC members believe that the issue is only for internal school consideration.]
8. Opportunity for UFC members, including the President and Provost as non-voting members, to introduce issues that they may want the UFC to consider during this academic year.
9. Issue of modification of Dedicatory Address for Founder's Day event.
10. Adjournment.