

FACULTY ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Date	Friday, August 23, 2024
Location	Fine Arts Theater - Wharton
Time	The meeting convened at 10:45 am

Attendees

Role	Name
Chair	Liz Rexford
Minute Taker	Haydee Ruiz
Attendees	All faculty in attendance at convocation

Information Items

	Description
1.	Liz welcomed everyone to the Fall 2024 Faculty Association meeting. She then asked Justin Guidry to discuss the Lyceum Series, She reminded faculty that this was a good opportunity to gain community support as VP Allen had suggested.
2.	Liz introduced the new members of the Faculty Council and thanked those who rotated off. Rexford asked for nominations for the two at-large FC positions. TK Krpec nominated Jessi Snider; Hector Weir seconded the motion. Jessi accepted the nomination. Peter Anderson nominated Kornelia Oostingh; Justin Guidry seconded the motion. A motion to accept nominees was made by Kenneth Grubb. The motion carried with all in favor.
3.	Liz reminded Faculty Council members that meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 3:15 pm. The Faculty Council meetings will be held via Zoom and face-to-face. The CDC in the Wharton Library is used for face-to-face meetings. The first meeting will be on September 3, 2024.

Discussion Items

	Description
1.	Justin Guidry reminded faculty about the WCJC's Lyceum Series. Justin stressed that it would be a great way to engage with the community. Faculty that would like to volunteer should reach out to Justin through email.
2.	Kenneth Grubb asked if Distance ED could open online courses on Monday at 8 am, instead of Sunday at midnight. This could help if last-minute changes need to be made, particularly given the recent changes about students registering late and the addition of dual credit students during the first week of class.
3.	TK Krpec noted the reorganization of a couple of areas in the college. There are potential adjustments in the future that Executive Cabinet and the Board of Trustees are looking at. TK made a motion for Faculty Council to start a dialog and document if there is a timeline or steps that will be taken to increase the compensation for all WCJC employees. Kevin Dees questioned if the administration used data for the methodology to research

salaries for those positions that have been proposed for raises, as it should be public record and the data should have included faculty and administrative faculty.
 Muna Saqer seconded the motion.
 Faculty Council will do the research and may hold a special Faculty Association meeting to discuss findings and future steps.

Action Items

	Description	Responsible Party	Due Date/Status
1.	Add new FC members to Brightspace and reserve meeting rooms.	Rexford	Completed
2.	Volunteers for Lyceum Series	Faculty	On-going
3.	Hold Sept. 3 meeting and appoint members to various college committees.	Faculty Council	Sept. 3
4.	Create working groups for the purposes of documenting reorganizational process and Distance Ed. Deadlines.	Faculty Council	Sept. 3

Adjournment

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1.	The meeting adjourned at:	11:04 am
2.	Signature Approval:	Elizabeth Rexford