

Minutes of Senate Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting

Date and time: October 21, 2022, at 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Location: WPU room 310

Present: Voting members: Malgorzata Fort (Co-Chair), Patrick Loughlin, Tom Songer (Co-Chair); Guests and liaisons: Anthony Graham, Marty Levine, Robin Kear

Absent: Parnaz Boodagh, Helen Cahalane, Lorraine Denman, Thomas Diacovo, Irene Frieze, Victoria Gamble, Sandra Guzman, Christine Jackson, Hannah Johnson, Vinayak Sant, John Wallace, Lu-in Wang, Seth Weinberg

Quorum: No.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Tom Songer at 11:00 am

1. **Welcome and introductions** – Tom introduced Anthony Graham, Senior Policy Specialist from the Office of Policy Development and Management
2. **Discussion of Relocation Policy** – Feedback provided by the committee was positive with some comments seeking clarification and editorial changes to improve the current draft. Since we did not have the quorum at the meeting, the voting on the endorsement of the policy will be held via email. The questions and comments from the current discussion and the explanations will be shared with all Faculty Affairs Committee. Tom will send the email asking for endorsement vote.
3. **Policy updates:**
Gosia shared brief updates from the two committees working on:
 - a. Vaccination policy – the committee is fine-tuning the language for the permissible exceptions to the vaccine requirement and is hoping to have the draft ready in December or January
 - b. Computer Usage and Access – the committee finished drafting the policy in June. The draft is currently being word-smithed by the policy office in preparation for the public comment period and review by the Deans and Senate Committees.
4. **Discussion on unionization and the value of shared governance**
We had a brief exchange of ideas how to pursue contacts with unions, but the discussion with the wider participation of members is needed. It will be ongoing in the coming months.

Due to the lack of quorum, the approval of the minutes from April 2022 and September 2022 will happen via email.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm.

Minutes taken by Gosia Fort