# Meeting Minutes – Faculty Council

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**Meeting Information**

Date: February 1, 2023 Location: zoom

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Chair: Ted Christopher

Note Taker: Jennifer Curry Morgan Approved by: Gwendolyn Walker

Attendees: Jennifer Curry Morgan, Ted Christopher, Benay Gursoy, Gwendolyn Walker, Kris Danford, Lauren Sosa, Rahman Azari, Tom Lauerman, Tonya Mitchell-Spradlin, Taylor Shipton, Sarah Rich, and Alec Spangler

Absent: B. Stephen Carpenter II, Sarah Rich, Jeanmarie Higgins, and Alexander Wind

Guest: William Kenyon

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**Agenda Items:**

**December Minutes approved**

**Announcement by the Chair**

*Update on committee deadline memo (Jan. 2022) – what needs attention (memo attached)*

Jennifer will send committee’s list so Faculty Council can see who is rotating off. Ted encouraged Facultly Council to recruit faculty on their units to serve on the committees.

Lauren: Faculty have burnout

Ted: He will speak to Dean Carpenter about it. There was talk of trying to consolidate or eliminate redundancy in the committees.

Sarah: There are only 12 people in Art History.

Gwen: It’s inequitable and an unfair workload.

Ted: Are the committees redundant? Are there too many? He will speak to Dean Carpenter about reimagining the committee structure.

**New Business**

*Faculty Senate Call (William Kenyon to discuss Senate responsibilities)*

Ted will bring Faculty Council’s concerns about service to the dean’s attention.

William was brought in to speak to Faculty Council about serving on the University Faculty Senate. It’s a heavy commitment; we have six senators from our college.

Should we invite Charlene to the next meeting?

William doesn’t have a standing meeting with the dean.

*EDI committee study groups. Interest from Faculty Council to participate.*

Gwen: EDI created 3 subcommittees. She is excited about dividing and conquering.

*Reports of Standing Committees*

Alec: Hamer Center has a community engagement talk today.

*Discussion about Spring Town Hall date/topics/speakers – hybrid format?*

Alec: Provide strategies for teaching around how a student’s mind works.

Sarah: Academic freedom. There’s a crackdown in Florida. How to protect our freedom.

Gwen: Mental Health Topics

**Adjourn**

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**Next meeting:**

March 1, 2023 8-9 a.m. via zoom