# Meeting Minutes – Faculty Council

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**Meeting Information**

Date: October 4, 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, Jenny Lamb, Alec Spangler, Christine O’Grady, Gwendolyn Walker, Kris Danford, Rahman Azari, Benay Toykoc Gursoy, Bonj Szczygiel, Aaron Knochel

Absent: B. Stephen Carpenter II, Sarah Rich, Charlene Gross, Cristin Millet, Ana Montenegro de Costa

Guest: Folayemi Wilson

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**Agenda Items:**

Announcements by the Chair

1. September meeting minutes approved.
2. Gwendolyn Walker is the chair elect.
3. Status of the former Palmer Museum of Art – Ted learned that it is going to be Gen Ed classrooms.
   1. Aaron voiced concerns about our college giving up this building. It is the hub of our college with performance and visual arts. It is the heart and soul of our community. Can we respond with our displeasure?
   2. Ted will meet with Dean Carpenter and advocate for the building during his next meeting.
   3. Bonj – can Faculty Council write a letter to the editor to Onward State?
   4. Gwen – She’s on the ED&I committee and there is discussion about the need for gatherings and events for our students and faculty. There isn’t a space for that in our college.
   5. Ted will get more specific information.

Reports of Standing Committees

1. Sabbatical Committee, Bonj – actively moving with 12 applications.
2. Academic Integrity, Christine – reviewing statement on syllabi regarding AI and ChatGPT. Students use it as a study tool.
3. Undergraduate Curricular Affairs, Alec – reviewed handout (see attached).

Guest, Associate Dean Wilson joined at 8:30 a.m.

1. Hired a post-doc who will be starting Nov 1. She will provide equitable workshops.
2. FYS – orientation based to help first year students.
   1. The information provided from the 2020 consultants was inadequate and is hoping that the current legislation is just a phase.
   2. First and second year students need guidance on mental health and financial aid. This was prompted by Results Will Vary. She is working on teaching students to be more reflective.
   3. Jenny Lamb will investigate finding a recording of Results Will Vary.
3. Working on the bias process. A process needs to be created to solve conflicts and educate why people are offended.
4. Alec – our tech support is gutted. Can’t reach people in IT support.
   1. Folayemi – talk to your department head, department head will talk to Dean Carpenter.

This tech situation is serious.

1. Aaron – Worried about our graduate education program with this model. Lack of funding and threat to BIPOC students.
   1. Folayemi – agrees and said Mallika is concerned too. We are operating on an unsustainable model.
2. Folayemi – made an announcement that she is on Instagram: psuartsarch\_oae. There is a list of banned books. She would like you to record yourself reading the book and posting it on her site. Email her if interested (fxw5102).

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Next meeting: November 1, 2023, 8-9 a.m. via zoom