# Meeting Minutes – Faculty Council

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**Meeting Information**

Date: April 3, 2024 Location: zoom

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

Note Taker: Jennifer Curry Morgan Approved by: Gwendolyn Walker

Attendees: Ted Christopher, Jennifer Curry Morgan, Charlene Gross, Christine O’Grady, Cristin Millett, Jenny Lamb, Rodney Trice, Sarah Rich, Benay Toykoc Gursay, Rahman Azari, Kris Danford

Absent: Bonj Szczygiel, Gwendolyn Walker, Ana Montenegro da Costa, Dean Carpenter, Aaron Knochel, Alec Spangler

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**Agenda Items:**

**Announcements by the Chair**

* March meeting minutes were approved.
* April 12th is the College’s Spring Awards Ceremony
* FC Town Hall was last week with a roundtable discussion. 3 panelists: Cassie Mansfield, Eduardo Navas, Sarah Genevieve Burghart Rice. The recording posted on the college’s website, and the link is below. <https://psu.zoom.us/rec/share/QHyohSuJm8VJ0gD3cyYXDJxbzwPqTpmbgpATJKjtwOvdyWCBfiqh2UCw7xKkK28Y.LrJ6fOtqhDXE_5_P?startTime=1711473632000>

**Reports of Standing Committees**

* Charlene Gross, Faculty Senate – APPR – Portfolio review for the University’s Graduate Studies.
  + We also have a new Interim Provost
* Kris Danford, Golumbic Scholarship – impressive presentations this year. $1k for the Valley Scholarship. Most received something.
* Charlene, Faculty Affairs – concerns were addressed to her about search committees. A committee voted 100% for a candidate but the dean’s office told the committee to replace that person with a less qualified BIPOC candidate.
  + Ted – we can request more information about how decisions are made.
  + Charlene – she is information gathering now.
  + Ted – can the committee appeal?
  + Charlene – NTL faculty would feel vulnerable appealing.
  + Ted will message the dean about vetting candidates.
  + Charlene – is this part of Folayemi’s job?

**New Business**

* Ted, Listening Tour
  + Jennifer will send a sign-up sheet to see who can attend which meetings.
  + LARCH is 4/10
  + Theatre’s meeting is cancelled
  + Architecture’s meeting is moved to May 1.
  + Sarah Rich met with SALA. The faculty brought up issues about better support for Grad students, summer funding, budget situation, and collective bargaining among faculty.

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Next meeting: May 1, 2024, 8-9 a.m. via zoom