

**Agenda of the Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**7 May 2024**  
**Agile Strategy Lab (CKB L70), 11:30 AM–1:30 PM**

1. Convening of the Meeting – Daniel Bunker, President

Voting Members Present: A. Gerbessiotis, A. Abdi, A. Lefkovitz, A. Hoover, A. Gerrard, A. Borgaonkar, B. Khusid, C. Mcrae, D. Hornthrop, E. Farinas, E. Thomas, F. Deek, H. Grebel, J. Lee, M. Booty, N. Steffen Fluhr, A. Piero, R. Sodhi, R. Assaad, S. Cai, S. Adamovich, S. Subramanian, T. Narahara, X. Ding, Y. Perl  
Non-Voting Members: E. Hou, M. Kam, K. Belfield, G. Esperdy, M. Stanko, T. Adams

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3. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on 23 April 2024 (5 minutes)

- a. Moved by A. Borgaonkar, seconded by E. Thomas
- b. Corrections: Add Raj. Calista. To attendees.

4. Report of the Faculty Senate President (15 Minutes)

- a. From CFO Brennan: Due to unforeseen circumstances, tomorrow's campuswide Town Hall meeting on the Budget will need to be postponed. It was our hope to have this event while faculty were still on campus. We will be back in touch once a new date is available.
- b. CFRR refresh – FS will be asking stakeholder groups to elect or re-elect representatives to CFRR for 2024-2025 AY effective Sept. 1, 2024. Please consider nominating your colleagues for service on this important committee.
  - i. CFRR Charge and Purview:
    1. Monitor the rights, responsibilities, and status of faculty and instructional staff and make recommendations for changes in policies or procedures relating to them;
    2. review and make recommendations regarding Faculty Handbook policies and procedures, including promotion and tenure policy, sabbatical policy, faculty evaluations of administrators, department bylaws, and search procedures;
    3. recommend proposed revisions of the Faculty Handbook, as necessary;
    4. review and make recommendations about policy issues relating to faculty and instructional staff;
    5. review and make recommendations concerning issues relating to the quality of academic life for faculty and instructional staff, including course scheduling policies and procedures and opportunities for faculty development.

c. IFM results: Motion to modify the Faculty Handbook regarding eligibility for promotion to Professor and to Distinguished Professor was approved with 55 in favor, 28 opposed, 4 recorded abstentions.

d. Thank you to outgoing Faculty Senators

5. Provost update, Provost Pelesko (20 minutes)

6. Prioritizing Diverse Hiring for Full-Time Faculty, David Jones (15 minutes)

7. HCAD update on establishment of Departments, Gabrielle Esperdy (20 minutes)

8. CGE report and motions, Sotiri Zivras (15 minutes)

- a. All CGE motions were moved by S. Zivras, seconded by A. Borgaonkar, and unanimously approved.
- b. M.S. in Management
- c. M.S. in Bioinformatics
- d. M.S. in Cyber Security and Privacy
- e. M.S. in Software Engineering
- f. M.S. in Artificial Intelligence
- g. Ph.D. in Data Science
- h. Ph.D. in Computer Science
- i. M.S. in Computer Science

9. CUE report and motions, David Horntrop (30 minutes)

- a. All CUE motions were moved by D. Horntrop, seconded by A. Borgaonkar, and unanimously approved.

10. New Business