

MINUTES OF
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
April 2, 2019

Prof. Jonathan Karp, Judaic Studies, called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:47 am in UU Old Union Hall. He welcomed President Harvey G. Stenger and turned the meeting over to him.

President Stenger began his report to the Full Faculty meeting attendees. See attached PowerPoint presentation for details. Presentation caTBT1 d e6son fuoed at

2. New Business

- a. Learning Management System – Andrea MacArgel, Director of Institutional Design, Center for Learning and Teaching, reported on the My Courses user group that is discussing the use of My Courses. We have been using Blackboard since 2000. ITS moved to having this hosted by Blackboard two years ago, and the name was then changed to My Courses. A contract was signed at that time; that contract will expire in December 2020. In the spring of 2018, the My Courses user group discussed whether we wanted to keep using Blackboard. Their first step was to survey faculty and students about My Courses; 384 faculty and 530 students responded. Results are available on the Learning Management System website at <https://www.binghamton.edu/clt/lms-pilot/index.html>. It was found that not everyone was pleased with Blackboard, so we moved forward to piloting three new Learning Managements Systems (Canvas, Brightspace by Desire to Learn, and Blackboard Ultra). Many faculty members were recruited to participate in piloting these systems. There will be two panel discussions on April 4 and 5 where faculty members using these systems will discuss the systems. If we decide to change to a new system in the fall of 2020, this will give us time in spring 2020 for training and course conversions.

Prof. Tom Sinclair, Public Administration, asked if the names of those faculty piloting these systems, and of members of the My Courses user group, could be added to the website. Ms. MacArgel agreed to add those to the website.

Will a new system allow for retention of course information to be maintained? Ms. MacArgel responded that both Canvas and Desire To Learn can ingest all information from Blackboard into their systems. She did warn that these are all very different systems, so conversion may not be perfect.

Prof. Lina Begdache, Health and Wellness Studies, asked if we would be able to use both systems at the same time in spring 2020? Ms. MacArgel said that we would not be able to do this. In spring 2020 we would have access to both systems but enrollment will be in the current system. Any new system would be in effect for fall 2020.

Ms. MacArgel noted that anyone can contact her via email at lmspilotsupport@binghamton.edu with any other questions.

After no more business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 am.

Present: Anne Bailey, Christina Balderamma-Durbin, Lina Begdache, Robin Best, Peter Borgesen, Cassandra Bransford, Brian Callahan, Seokheun Choi, Leon Cosler, William Culverhouse, Jill Dixon, Patrick Doyle, Mark Fowler, Ann Fronczek, Christof Grewer, Fernando Guzman, Olivia Homes, James Jentsch, Sha Jin, Barry Jones, Jonathan Karp, Bryan Kirschen, Leslie Lander, Harold Lewis, Michael Lewis, Steven Lynn, Claudia Marques, Marcin Mazur, Thomas McDonough, Donald Nieman, Tomonari Nishikawa, Nkiru Nzegwu, SB Park, Sumantra Sarkar, Anton Schick, Andrew Scholtz, Edward Shephard, Thomas Sinclair, Diane Sommerville, Harvey Stenger, Roberta Strippoli, Andrew Walkling, Douglas Wehbe, Lei Yu, Yan Zhang, Harald Zils, Melissa Zinkin

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Excused: Lubna Chaudhry, Elizabeth DiGangi, Sarah Gerk, Noah Henry, Sharon Holmes, Adam Laats, Anthony Meder, Natalija Mijatovic, Omowunmi Sadik, Cibani Uzmanoglu, Hong Zhang, Alexi Zentner

Absent: Ana Maria Candela, Anne Clark, Eric Cotts, Deborah Elliston, Leslie Gates, Neyda Gilman, Christopher Hanes, John Havard, Robert Holahan, Albrecht Inhoff, Mattias Iser, John Suk Young Kang, Thomas Kulp, Brett Levinson, Stephen Levy, Carl Lipo, Richard MacKenney, Daniel Magelby, Jean-Pierre Mileur, Timothy Singler, Gale Spencer, Erin Washburn, David Wilson