

MINUTES OF
FULL FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 19, 2024

Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences Aaron Beedle, Faculty Senate chair, called the Full Faculty meeting held in Old Union Hall to order at 11:48 a.m. She welcomed President Harvey G. Stenger and turned the meeting over to him.

President Stenger provided his report to the Full Faculty meeting attendees. The presentation can be found at <https://www.binghamton.edu/faculty-senate/documents-and-forms.html>.

Chair Beedle then asked for questions from the full faculty.

After no questions or discussion, the Full Faculty meeting was adjourned.

Chair Beedle called the second Faculty Senate meeting of the 2024-2025 academic year to order at 12:06 p.m.

The following changes were discussed regarding the September 17, 2024 meeting minutes.

- Bartle Prof. Anton Schick, Mathematics and Statistics, noted a few minor grammatical corrections provided to Ms. Hovancik.
- Prof. Marina Sitrin, Sociology, recommended the following wording change on page 9 to reflect:
 - “Prof. Marina Sitrin, Sociology, recommended that all Senators take the draft motions that were proposed back to our departments and programs to discuss them and see if there is agreement.”

Prof. Robyn Cope asked for an explanation of voting on motions, how they work, and whether Faculty Senators can raise motions without going to the executive board.

Chair Beedle explained that, in general, a senator can bring forth a motion related to a process. Under a request for a call for a resolution, the Senate would vote on whether to pursue the resolution or refer it to a committee to write it if there is no resolution.

Chair Beedle then requested a motion to approve the minutes with the discussed changes. A

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selection was distributed and posted, and the open nomination period ended on Friday, November 15. Election ballots were distributed yesterday in our six different divisions that will elect six of the seven faculty members. She thanked those who assisted and engaged with this process. We had several nominations across our divisions. She reported that 300 votes were already cast across the six ballots. She noted that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee chose to expand from our typical voting faculty to full-time instructional faculty on multiple-year

Chair Beedle noted a follow-up item from the last Faculty Senate meeting. The motion is to endorse the provost's statement supporting academic freedom. Before moving forward, she asked the Senate for comments.

Professor Melissa Hardesty, Social Work, suggested revising the language in the statement to include a definition of hate speech. Additionally, regarding faculty and staff making extramural utterances and not institutional spokespersons, there should not be default exceptions for expressing personal opinions when not at work; however, these opinions should not be interpreted as representing the institution.

Prof John Havard, English, called to edit the motion in response to the discussion of the letter of concern.

With this proposed amendment, Chair Beedle noted that the amended motion would read as a motion that the Faculty Senate agrees with the provost's statement on support for academic freedom and is in response to the discussion with the letter of concern. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion was approved with 28 in favor, 12 opposed, and 8 abstentions.

Chair Beedle then requested a vote to endorse the amended statement. The amended statement was approved with 40 in favor, 6 abstentions, and no opposition.

Chair Beedle noted that items were remaining on the agenda, but being out of time, she provided the three items raised at the last Faculty Senate meeting from the Concerned Faculty letter, making the following requests;

1. Pass a resolution supporting the guaranteed right to engage in free speech and assembly about Palestine/Israel
2. Pass a resolution of concern regarding the administration's response to the student encampment or May 2024
3. Pass a resolution calling the Administration to refrain from calling the police/threatening heavy-handed punitive action.

Chair Beedle asked the Senate if they wished to vote to forward the three motions to a committee to draft resolutions. She then asked if a senator would like to propose a motion that those items be referred to a committee.

Prof. Marina Sitrin, Sociology, motioned that all three requests go to committee. After no further comments, Chair Beedle requested approval of the motion that the three specific items raised by the letter of concern be moved to the committee for drafting formal resolution documents. The motion was seconded. After no further discussion, the motion was approved with 43 in favor, 10 oppositions, and 2 abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Present: Nancy Abashian, Meaghan Altman, Nathanael Andrade, Christina Balderrama-Durbin, Aaron Beedle, Lina Begdache, Megan Benson, Jeremy Blackburn, Sungdai Cho, Robyn Cope, Leon Cosler, Weiyong Dai, Sidney Dement, Tara Dhakal, Mateo Duque, Gregory Evans, Anthony Fiumera, Rodney Gabel, Matt

Havard, Laura Fine Hawkes, Nora Henry, Barry Jones, Rebecca Kissling, Ahyeon Koh, Adriane Lam, Michael Lawler, Wei-Cheng Lee, Meg Leja, Colin Lyons, Andre Mathis, Marcin Mazur, Tom McDonough, Vladimir Nikulin, Thomas O'Brien, Julien Panetier, Andreas Pape, Heather Parks, Sabina Perrino, Mark Poliks, Kirsten Prior, James Rea, Erin Rushton, Anton Schick, Tarek Shamma, Timothy Singler, Marina Sitrin, John Starks, Harvey Stenger, Jodi Sutherland, Bogum Yoon, Marguerite Wilson, Melissa Zinkin

Excused: Peter Borgesen, Michael Buck, Kenneth Chiu, Mackenzie Cooper, Sean Dunwoody, Kimberly Jaussi, Gladys Jimenez-Munoz, Debi Mishra, Gail Rattinger, Jennifer Stoever, Sofia Theodore-Pierce

Absent: Ming An, Laura Anderson, Ramaesh Bhagirat, David Campbell, Luca Cassidy, Paul Chiarot, Laura Cook, Marvin Diaz, Mikhail Filippov, Joseph Keith, Shuxia Lu, Jeffrey Lum, Anthony Meder, Anjani Praneet Meruvu, Nkiru Nzegwu, Shay Rabineau, Olga Shvetsova, Cyma Van Petten, Bridget Whearty, Melvin Whitehead