**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**March 26, 2025**

**4:00-6:00 pm – JCK 880 and via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Stacey Bender, Dale Blasingame, Dave Donnelly, Valentina Glajar,

William Kelemen, Russell Lang, Lynn Ledbetter, Noland Martin,

Adetty Pérez de Miles, Piyush Shroff, Lois Stickley, Michael Supancic, Steve Wilson

**Members Absent:** Peter Dedek, Kevin Jetton

**Guests:** Mike Abili, Ryan Anderson, Amy Benton, Jeff Bumgarner,   
Cathy Cherrstrom, Lauren Goodley, Bethany Johnson. Selen Karasulu,

Russell Moses, Pradeep Ramanathan, Karen Sigler

**Chair Ledbetter the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with remarks and comments**

1. **Welcome Comments and Announcements** 
   1. The meeting was moved to Zoom only due to severe weather alerts in the area
   2. Chair Ledbetter welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Senate officers
   3. Recently elected 2025-2026 new faculty senators Kim Lee, Stacey Hunter, Dimitri Tetan and Ricky Graham were invited. Senators Piyush Shroff and Valentina Glajar were re-elected.
2. **Discussion of Faculty Senate Fellow Call for 2025-2026:**
   1. Motion made and seconded to accept the FY 2025-2026 Faculty Senate Fellow Call
3. **Faculty Development Subcommittee Recommendations**
   1. Senator Lang updated the senate on the efforts of the subcommittee to improve the overall process and rubric
   2. The various FDL issues that were addressed, and the recommendations were shared
   3. The senators discussed each of the 7 recommendations and the comments were noted
   4. The subcommittee will review and revise the recommendations for final
4. **Formulate Potential Topics/Questions for Discussion at Joint Meeting of Academic Affairs Council, Council of Chairs and Directors, and Faculty Senate – Tuesday, April 15 from 1:30-3:30pm**
   1. Equity study update for the Faculty of Instruction positions
   2. Rushed decision making timeline with little to no time for feedback and discussion
   3. Impact of the RCM budget model implementation
   4. Lack of transparency and real communication given the current state of higher education (reassurances)
   5. Additionally, some issues or concerns could also be addressed at the next PAAG meeting
5. **Approval of the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**
   1. March 19, 2025 minutes were approved
6. **Announcements and Meeting Adjourned** 
   1. NLFC has voted to donate $1,000 to the Alex White Memorial Scholarship Fund
   2. Chair Ledbetter adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

**The next Faculty Senate Meeting will be:**

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in JCK 880 and via Zoom