

Faculty Senate Agenda March 8, 2021

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FACULTY SENATE

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021

Senators Present: Ann Abraham, Omid Bagheri, Kathy Bergh, Jeffrey Child, Sue Clement, Tammy Clewell, Alice Colwell, Scott Courtney, Timothy Culver, Ed Dauterich, Tracy Dodson, Yanhai Du, Jean Engohang-Ndong, Julie Evey, Pamela Grimm, Angela Guercio, Mariann Harding, Todd Hawley, David Kaplan, Edgar Kooijman, Darci Kracht, Cynthia Kristof, Janice Kroeger, Velvet Landingham, Tracy Laux, Cathy Marshall, Mahli Mechenbier, Oana Mocioalca, Deepraj Mukherjee, Abe Osbourne, Kimberly Peer, Vic Perera, Amy Petrinec, Linda Piccirillo-Smith, Helen Piontkivska, Terri Polanski, Susan Roxburgh, Athena Salaba, Murali Shanker, Deborah Smith, Diane Stroup, Robin Vande Zande, Theresa Walton-Fisette, Donald White, Haiyan Zhu, Melissa Zullo

Ex-Officio Members Present: President Todd Diacon; Senior Vice President and Provost Melody Tankersley; Senior Vice President Mark Polatajko; Vice Presidents: David Dees*, Paul DiCorleto, Amoaba Gooden*, Lamar Hylton, Rebecca Murphy*, Mary Parker, John Rathje, Charlene Reed, Valoree Vargo, David Ochmann for Willis Walker, Jack Witt; Deans: Sonia Alemagno, Christina Bloebaum, Allan Boike, Ken Burhanna, John Crawford-Spinelli, James Hannon, Mark Mistur, Mandy Munro-Stasiuk*, Liz Piatt for Eboni Pringle, Amy Reynolds, Alison Smith, Deborah Spake, Manfred van Dulmen*
*Interim

Ex-Officio Members Not Present: Deans: Denice Sheehan*, Susan Stocker* *Interim

Observers Present: Thomas Janson (Emeritus Professor), Claire Jackman (GSS)

Observers Not Present: Thomas Niepsuj (USS)

Guests Present: Sue Averill, Aimee Bell, Chris Blackwood, Sean Broghammer, Diane Davis, Jo Dowell, Carla Goar, Jennifer Hebebrand, Aviad Israeli, Tess Kail, Jennifer Kellogg, Valerie Kelly, Dana Lawless-Andric, Michael Lehman, Babacar M'Baye, Jennifer McDonough, Maureen McFarland, Felix Offodile, Susan Perry, Amy Quillin, Jim Raber, Blake Stringer, Therese Tillett, Deirdre Warren, Sonya Williams

1. Call to Order

Chair Grimm called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m. on Microsoft Teams.

2. Roll Call

Secretary Dauterich called the roll.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Grimm asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made and seconded (Smith/Mocioalca). The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the December 14, 2020 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting (Kracht/Bagheri). The minutes were passed unanimously as written.

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Grimm delivered her remarks. [\[Attachment\]](#)

Chair Grimm invited comments or questions.

There were no comments or questions.

6. President's Remarks

President Diacon said he has been thinking about anxiousness related to the pandemic, and he said that he is "Truly grateful for this effort and these successes, but what's next?" He acknowledged those over the summer who got the campus ready for in-person attendance this year, and the work to accommodate health and safety guidelines, but he asked about COVID-19 testing. He said that by September we were administering 100 or so tests per week. We got to about 450 per week by late October and hosted some mass-testing events in cooperation with the National Guard. Between mid-November and early January, administration worked up a new plan. Now, we are testing every residence hall student twice per week, and the positivity rate is about 1%. We are testing lots of other people as well, and we have wastewater monitors to assist with early detection. Kent went from 100-120 tests per week in September to roughly 2,600 tests per week at the present time. Concerning vaccines, he had less information. He said we will be able to open the fieldhouse as a mass vaccination site if Portage County wants it. He then returned to discussing anxiousness. He said many committees are working toward how we will operate in the fall. For now, he said that for the fall, we need to assume that every member of our community who wants to be vaccinated will have had the opportunity before fall classes begin. This comes with two caveats: (1) it is likely mask wearing will continue; and (2) 6-foot distancing will remain in place. So, in the fall, we may be approaching normal, but it will not be back to the pre-pandemic way of operating. There will be no face-to-face courses of more than 50 students (apart from some hybrid courses). We will need to schedule some courses later in the evening or on Saturdays. We can possibly reach a schedule of face-to-face courses that reaches a number of around 50% of what we had before the pandemic. Nearly normal residence hall and dining hall operations will hopefully resume. Athletics will take place with at least some attendance if all goes well. He suggested that it is time to focus on thriving vs. surviving, and he said that will be the topic of his remarks to senate in April.

He then asked for comments or questions.

Senator Smith asked whether something "close to normal" included removing the ban on university-sponsored travel for faculty.

President Diacon said he believes it will be part of the approach.

Senator Mocioalca asked what efforts the university would make toward vaccination beyond what the state is already doing.

President Diacon replied that by August, we should have all had the opportunity for vaccination in a best-case scenario, but we are not in control of that; it is up to the federal and state governments to make this work.

Associate Provost van Dulmen agreed with President Diacon's remarks.

Senator Mocioalca asked whether there would be special vaccine access for faculty or staff.

President Diacon explained that at the state level, it was decided that university faculty and staff are not at the top of any list unless they are of the appropriate age.

Senator Bagheri said other states are giving priority to college faculty. He asked whether any universities in Ohio are putting pressure on the governor to provide vaccines to faculty.

President Diacon explained that every state has different criteria and priorities. He said that the Inter-University Council (IUC) said face-to-face instructors should get priority, but at the state level, this was not granted to faculty or even to police officers. Kent State can only act further if Portage County asks us to set up a mass vaccination site in the field house.

Senator Du asked whether students with COVID-19 who are alone on campus are provided with emotional and physical support.

President Diacon invited Vice President Hylton to speak on the matter.

Vice President Hylton said wellness checks on students in quarantine are done, and care packages are distributed. There are also student wellness ambassadors for those students who indicate interest.

Senator Engohang-Ndong asked whether face-to-face classes in spring would have faculty and students tested randomly for COVID-19 at regionals as well as at the Kent campus.

President Diacon said access is different depending on where the regional campus is.

Interim Vice President Dees said that every regional dean is working with local health departments to get high-risk students access to vaccines and testing. They have not made holistic decisions for the regionals, but all regional students have access at the Kent campus. He directed interested parties to refer to their regional deans if they are not able to access these services.

There were no further comments or questions.

7. EPC Action Items

Senator Mocioalca moved to consider the items.

a. Anti-Racism and Equity Institute

Dean Munro-Stasiuk explained the proposal to establish the institute. She then invited comments or questions.

There were no comments or questions.

The proposal passed unanimously.

b. Environmental Science and Design Research Institute

Vice President DiCorleto explained the proposal. He then invited comments or questions.

There were no comments or questions on the item.

The proposal passed unanimously.

c. Aviation Maintenance Management - B.S.

Dean Bloebaum introduced the item. She was assisted by Associate Dean Maureen McFarland.

There were no questions on the first item.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. Mechatronics Engineering - M.S.

Dean Bloebaum asked Associate Professor Blake Stinger to present this and the following item.

There were no comments or questions for this item or item 7e below.

The motion to move both proposals forward passed unanimously.

e. Mechatronics Engineering - Ph.D.

See above (7d).

f. Business Analytics - B.B.A.

Dean Spake explained the item. She invited Professor Onyebuchi Felix Offodile to further explain.

There were no comments or questions.

The motion to move the proposal forward passed unanimously.

g. Hospitality Management - B.S.

Dean Hannon turned the proposal over to Dr. Aviad Israeli, who explained the item.

There were no comments or questions.

The motion to move the proposal forward passed unanimously.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

a. SAT & ACT Admission Requirements (Sean Broghammer, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management, Admissions)

Associate Vice President Broghammer explained why the standardized tests were no longer necessary for admission. He explained that due to COVID-19, Kent made the tests optional in 2021 and went to holistic review, which allowed a more in-depth look at student applications. Dropping the tests has brought a rise of 8% in applications and 20% in admitted students. This does not mean Kent State is loosening criteria. Applications from African American students are up 6%, and admits are up 59% because we are no longer focusing on the test scores, which were a barrier in some cases. He then invited comments or questions.

Senator Kracht asked him to speak more to the staffing needs of holistic review.

Associate Vice President Broghammer said that it did increase the work for looking at students below a 3.3 GPA, but it is manageable. He also did not predict a need for increased staffing to handle the situation.

Senator Kaplan said he saw advantages to having tests at the lower and upper ends, but he was concerned about the ACT threshold for the Honors College concerning initial admission. He wanted to know whether that would be applied to the college.

Associate Vice President Broghammer said that there was a test-optional track for the college and that students had a choice.

Dean Smith said that the test-optional approach was successful and that many submitted no test scores at all. It is still a 2-year pilot, but initial results are good.

Senator Engohang-Ndong supported the test-optional policy. He also mentioned that the tests are inadequate for reflecting students' true potential based on studies he has read.

Senator Roxburgh expressed her preference for continuing the policy but asked about the short term of the admit pool that was shown and wondered whether the GPA numbers would have been the same over a 10-year period.

Associate Vice President Broghammer agreed that school GPAs have increased over a 10-year period.

Dean Mistur agreed that the holistic approach works well and asked what other markers were used beyond GPA and what other instruments might be required for admission.

Associate Vice President Broghammer said that they are ultimately looking for reasons to admit. They are not looking for reasons to deny. He said that Kent State is a university based on access. If a student attempts an AP course and only earns a C, the student still attempted it. The student showed a level of motivation or grit. Those are characteristics Enrollment Management is looking for. In terms of requirements, he suggested this could be open for further conversation. Vice President Broghammer described procedures for how this could be done, including a two-person review of multiple factors of the applicants' earlier educational experiences (strength of curriculum, grade trends, special talents, personal statements, recommendation letters, etc.). He then invited Vice President Parker to add to the discussion.

Vice President Parker agreed with and reiterated what Associate Vice President Broghammer had said.

Senator Dauterich asked whether the tests were predictive of student success.

Associate Vice President Broghammer said that they were not.

There were no further comments or questions.

b. Proposed Resolution Regarding Standardized Tests

Chair Grimm read the following into the record:

"Inherent bias in standardized testing has been well documented for decades. Further, ACT and SAT scores have proven to be poor predictors of success in general. Alternative approaches to admission decisions have been used to assess students in a more holistic fashion by many institutions. Given that standardized testing is both biased and a poor predictor of academic success, the Faculty Senate recommends that Kent State University make the SAT or ACT optional, rather than required for an undergraduate admission application. Further, Faculty Senate asks that the Dean of Graduate Studies work with colleges to critically examine the use of standardized testing for entry into graduate programs and consult with the Division of Enrollment Management regarding alternatives that may be available to more equitably and more accurately assess graduate applicants."

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution (Dauterich/Guercio).

The resolution was approved unanimously.

10. Announcements/Statements for the Record

Secretary Dauterich asked the senators to consider volunteering to serve on the Nominating Committee to recruit a slate of candidates for Executive Officers in the election taking place later this semester.

Chair Grimm reminded senate that elections for senate were currently underway and that all senators should have received ballots. She also added that senate will resume informal meetings/happy hours at a future date.

Senator Smith reminded senate that they should fill out the survey about scheduling for the fall that had been sent out by the provost.

11. Adjournment

Chair Grimm adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Edward Dauterich
Secretary, Faculty Senate

Attachment

Chair's Remarks for February 8, 2021 Faculty Senate Meeting

I may have mentioned that I dropped out of the university of Buffalo after my first year. I hated it. All large lectures, no connections to other students, iffy teachers (except my Sociology professor). I wasn't sure what to do next. At about the same time the opportunity to move into my father's childhood home (about 5 blocks from my home) presented itself.

I had a pretty sweet deal at home at that point. They bought the food. They let me borrow the car, I could pretty much come and go as I pleased. It wasn't bad.

But my best friend Sue was really struggling at home. She had a father who was emotionally, and sometimes physically, abusive. That was a certainty. I thought about moving into "the Shire," as the house on Berkshire came to be known, and knew it would be a good move for Sue and I suspected it would be a lot of fun living with Sue and my sister Gretchen.

I had no idea what else the coming year would bring. Nothing was certain. I wasn't worried about making money to get by. I had already been working multiple part-time jobs. I did need a full-time job in addition to my collection of part-time jobs and got one working at McGaurd Wheel Lock factory (sorting, buffing and packaging wheel locks). It was an excellent education in why I needed an education. About 4 months into this adventure I realized I had no idea what to do next and I needed a plan, a plan for my next adventure. I started working on applications to small private schools (which I could not afford, but oh well).

So much of life is bundled with uncertainty, perhaps most of it. We are all struggling with the uncertainty inherent in moving forward with our lives, our research, our classes under COVID-19. I suspect most, if not all of you, have meetings scheduled with your chairs and directors for the coming week or so to discuss the considerations for developing a schedule for Fall 2021. We know the things we want for our classes, but there is a lot of uncertainty about what the conditions will be in Fall. Each one of us will need to develop a path forward and I think having those conversations within our units will help us do that. But uncertainty will be with us as we move toward the next academic year.

We do have some certainty to deal with today, though. We know that standardized testing like the SATs and ACTs systematically disadvantage some students and that they are inferior predictors of student success relative to other metrics available. We'll hear more details later in our meeting, but I look forward to discussing and dealing with a readily identifiable problem with a pretty clear solution.

Thank you.
Pamela E. Grimm
Chair, Faculty Senate



**Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
January 27, 2021**

Present: Pamela Grimm (Chair), Tracy Laux (Vice Chair), Ed Dauterich (Secretary),
Darci Kracht (At-Large), Ann Abraham (Appointed), Melissa Zullo (Appointed)

Not Present:

Guests Present: Vice President Mary Parker, Associate Vice President Sean Broghammer

1. Call to Order

Chair Grimm called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m. on Microsoft Teams.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of January 13, 2021

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting (Laux/Kracht).
The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. EPC Items

A motion was made and seconded to approve all items having to do with nothing more than name changes (6,8,9) (Dauterich/Kracht). Remaining items will be considered over e-mail before the full senate meeting. The committee will send responses to other items by 8:00 a.m. On Monday, February 1.

4. Set Agenda for the February 8 Faculty Senate Meeting

The agenda was finalized.

5. SSIs

The Executive Committee agreed to postpone discussion about when to return to normal distribution of SSIs until we have more information about how we will return in the fall.

6. Senate Representation on the Strategic Planning Committee for Academic Affairs

The committee suggested that this would be best handled by having the chair serve on the committee. Chair Grimm agreed to do so.

7. Set Up a Working Session on Ombudsman Description

The committee agreed to have a separate meeting to work on this description.

8. Meeting with Vice President Mary Parker and Associate Vice President Sean Broghammer Regarding ACT and SAT (4:30pm)

Vice President Parker said that due to the pandemic, many students could not get ACT or SAT tests last year, and so the requirements were waived at that time. Having looked further into the tests, the Office of Enrollment Management is recommending that admissions no longer be based primarily on an ACT/GPA score, but rather on looking at the student holistically to see which students could best succeed at Kent State. Associate Vice President Broghammer described procedures for how this could be done, including a two-person review of multiple factors of the applicants' earlier educational experiences (strength of curriculum, grade trends, special talents, personal statements, recommendation letters, etc.). Changing the importance of the ACT may connect to gains in diverse student admissions. Toledo and Wright State have dropped the ACT as a requirement. Other schools are considering it. The members of the Office of Enrollment Management asked for senate support moving forward. The Executive Committee agreed that making SAT/ACT optional was a good idea. The committee asked whether GMAT and GRE were being considered this way as well, and Vice President Parker said that this is under discussion right now with Associate Provost van Dulmen. The committee asked whether there were programs that require the test scores. Associate Vice President Broghammer said there was a handful of programs which did, and that alternative admission criteria were provided to those programs to add to the possible necessity of the test scores. The final decisions were made by the programs themselves. The committee also asked about how the Honors College selects applicants, and Associate Vice President Broghammer said that they have agreed to expand possible criteria for admission and that students can choose to provide SAT/ACT information. Other scholarships across the university have adopted similar measures. The committee said that they will bring a resolution supporting these measures (as well as similar treatment of the GRE/GMAT) to a discussion with the full senate. The option will be given to students to take these tests, but they would not be requirements.

9. Share Update from Executive Director James Raber (Information Services Educational Technology & Service Management) and Chief Information Security Officer Robert Eckman

a. EXT on E-mail

Kent State will move to a process with e-mail where if mail comes from outside the kent.edu domain, then it will be marked "EXT" and say that it came from outside Kent State. This will help identify spoofed Kent State e-mail addresses.

- b. Network Upgrade February 13th (Saturday) 7 p.m. until 3 a.m.

The network will be upgraded at this time, which will affect Blackboard, Banner, and other services.

- c. Migration of Part-time Faculty to Exchange to Make Them Fully Functional with TEAMS and Other Microsoft Software

Adjunct faculty will be given access to the Microsoft 365 suite. Content will be migrated from the old e-mail addresses.

10. Scheduling Recap Discussion for Fall 2021

There seems to be no certainty at this time about how this will work. This will be revisited in the future.

11. Informal Faculty Senate Meeting

The committee agreed to hold an informal meeting with senators after the next Faculty Senate meeting to discuss faculty strategies for coping with the pandemic. This will happen around a week after the February meeting.

12. Update on the Faculty Senate Elections

The elections have enough candidates to move forward in all units.

13. Additional Items

The committee agreed to call for volunteers for a three-person committee to solicit candidates for the upcoming Executive Committee elections.

Vice Chair Laux brought up that the Transportation Committee of senate under Chair Dave Kaplan should be allowed to be the faculty point of consultation with regards to issues with the campus bicycle program. Chair Grimm suggested that she could contact Vice President Mark Polatajko about making this happen rather than taking it to the full senate. Vice Chair Laux said he will consult with Chair Kaplan before moving forward.

14. Adjournment

Chair Grimm adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Edward Dauterich
Secretary, Faculty Senate



**Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
February 10, 2021**

Present: Pamela Grimm (Chair), Tracy Laux (Vice Chair), Ed Dauterich (Secretary),
Darci Kracht (At-Large), Ann Abraham (Appointed), Melissa Zullo (Appointed)

Not Present:

Guests Present: President Todd Diacon, Provost Melody Tankersley, Dean Taléa Drummer-Ferrell

1. Call to Order

Chair Grimm called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. on Microsoft Teams.

2. Discuss Topics for President Diacon and Provost Tankersley

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the possibility of a university-wide, anti-cheating campaign with the president and provost. The committee also decided to discuss why many state schools (not including Kent State) think they can fully re-open in the fall, given that they have the same public health information that Kent State has.

3. Meet with Dean Taléa Drummer-Ferrell (Division of Student Affairs) Regarding Protocol Share Out

Dean Drummer-Ferrell spoke to the Executive Committee about the changes to the university's student death protocol. Changes include prioritizing the needs of students' families and the needs of the campus community. Dean Drummer-Ferrell is the point person for making sure the protocol is followed. There is now a more intentional process for reviewing eligibility for a posthumous degree. The dean will personally reach out to the family of the student to see whether there is interest in this. Decisions about all communications are made in collaboration with faculty and staff and ultimately decided by Dean Drummer-Ferrell. The Executive Committee agreed that the new changes should be brought to the full senate for their information.

4. Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2021

The minutes were not yet available for approval.

5. Cheating Policy

Senator Kracht volunteered to co-chair, with Assistant Dean Kamenash, a Faculty Senate Ad-hoc Committee to look at the policy on academic dishonesty. Recommendations were made for members who might want to serve on the committee.

6. (4:00) Meet with President Diacon and Provost Tankersley

President Diacon and Provost Tankersley debriefed the committee about an Inter-University Council (IUC) conversation regarding whether or not to fully re-open in the fall and what precautions should or should not be taken across the state and at Kent State University. Final decisions have not yet been made and will likely be based on public health guidelines at the state level. There is hope that residence halls might open at normal levels in the fall (with no more than two in a room).

The committee verified with the provost that faculty who claimed a preference for remote teaching in the fall could not change their minds later and meet face-to-face. Provost Tankersley made it clear that we need to communicate whether or not students will be in person to students as clearly as possible near the time when students register and make it clear that if students signed up for in-person courses, then they need to make sure they go in person if it is possible.

The committee asked the president and provost about whether there was support for a university-wide, anti-cheating campaign directed toward students. Provost Tankersley said that a proposal for this is in the works; a draft is ready for review and would include ways for students to interact with peers involving the seriousness of academic dishonesty.

The committee asked about where the university is in terms of off-site locations for classes in the fall. Provost Tankersley said that the university is looking into downtown area sites to work with for classes offered on the Kent campus. Course schedulers will have the information as soon as it is available.

7. IT Restructuring

Jim Raber will meet with the committee to discuss this in the future.

8. SSIs Moving Forward

The committee agreed that decisions about using SSIs beyond the view of individual faculty members will need to wait until we are familiar with the public health situation.

9. Consideration of Transcripts for Meetings

Secretary Dauterich suggested that continuing to have senate meetings transcribed is absolutely necessary. They are searchable in a way that the recording is not. They have

exact wording that can be used on delicate topics, and he mentioned that he does not always catch everything senators say and get it recorded as fast as the transcriptionist does. The job would be done much less thoroughly without the transcripts. The Executive Committee agreed.

10. Update on the Faculty Senate Elections

Election notices have gone out. Results will be forthcoming shortly.

11. Update on New Committee Descriptions for Survey

The committee preference online survey sent to faculty will be updated to show new committee descriptions.

12. Additional Items

a. Spring Forum (Darci Kracht, Ann Abraham, Melissa Zullo)

Ideas for a topic were discussed.

b. Committee Preference On-Line Survey (Tracy Laux)

Vice Chair Laux will work on the descriptions mentioned in item 11 with help from Tess Kail and Emeritus Professor Farrell.

c. Seek Nominations for Faculty Ethics Committee

Nominations will be sought according to the Faculty Senate Charter & Bylaws.

13. Adjournment

Chair Grimm left the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Vice Chair Laux adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Edward Dauterich
Secretary, Faculty Senate



**Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
February 17, 2021**

Present: Pamela Grimm (Chair), Tracy Laux (Vice Chair), Ed Dauterich (Secretary),
Darci Kracht (At-Large), Ann Abraham (Appointed), Melissa Zullo (Appointed)

Not Present:

Guests Present: Emeritus Professor Farrell

1. Call to Order

Chair Grimm called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. on Microsoft Teams.

2. Approval of Minutes:

a. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2021

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes (Abraham/Kracht). The minutes were approved unanimously as written.

b. Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2021

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes (Abraham/Kracht). The minutes were approved unanimously with one small correction.

c. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2021

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes (Abraham/Zullo). The minutes were approved unanimously with one small correction.

3. EPC Items

There were no items for Faculty Senate's consideration.

4. Set Agenda for March 8th Faculty Senate Meeting

The committee worked on the agenda.

5. LMS/Flashbooks Issues

Faculty does not yet have access to Canvas. Also, the bookstore can only have one platform associated with Flashbooks. Executive Director Jim Raber (Information Services Educational Technology & Service Management) (IT) will be invited to senate to discuss these issues.

6. Select Date for Spring Forum

March 26, 2021, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. were chosen as the likely date and time for the forum. This will be finalized when the speaker is confirmed. The topic will center around what we have learned and what might persist in our future procedures because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. Update on Faculty Senate Election

Emeritus Professor Farrell informed the Executive Committee that more people have participated in elections than last year. There is a higher percentage of respondents than in either of the two previous elections. The deadline for voting is Friday, February 19, at midnight.

8. Review Timeline for the Committee Preference On-Line Survey

Emeritus Professor Farrell suggested that the survey had a soft deadline, and the committee agreed that it would go out by March 21st and that it should be submitted by April 10th.

9. Meeting Recordings Update

There was a concern that senate meeting recordings and other recordings on Microsoft Teams could be viewed by anyone with access to Microsoft Stream. All recordings of senate meetings have been deleted. In the future, recordings will be held only until the recorded transcript has been received. Then, they will be deleted. Chair Grimm will follow up with Executive Director Jim Raber to see how this affects faculty recording their lectures on Microsoft Teams.

10. Faculty Ethics Committee

March 15th is the deadline for representatives chosen by academic units. The Executive Committee will find representatives for units that have not elected representatives by that point.

11. Additional Executive Committee Meeting

Tess Kail will schedule a meeting from 4:00-5:00 p.m. next Wednesday that may be canceled if there is no need for the meeting.

12. Additional Items

Chair Grimm let the committee know that the university is slightly behind on dean reviews. Policy requires a review every five years, which is usually initiated in the spring of the dean's fourth year. Some of these have been rescheduled because of COVID-19 and will be outside of the five-year window. Others will make it in the five-year window. The Executive Committee had no outstanding issues with the slight temporary modification to policy, and the CAO will be contacted about the delays.

13. Adjournment

Chair Grimm adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Edward Dauterich
Secretary, Faculty Senate