

Academic Council, University of Notre Dame

January 31, 2022, 3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Mediation Room, Jenkins-Nanovic Hall

Voting Members Present: Appleby, Scott; Bernhard, Bob; Brown, Seth; Buckles, Kasey; Carlson, Laura; Champion, Patricia; Clark, Patricia; Clements, Aedin; Cole, Marcus; Coleman, Jon; Cremers, Martijn; Culligan, Patricia; Dames, K. Matthew; Dowd, Robert, C.S.C.; Groody, Daniel, C.S.C.; Jenkins, John, C.S.C.; Johnson, Daniel; Kolda, Christopher; Lucero, Cecilia; Mattison, Willia; Maziar, Christine; McGinn, Paul; Meserve, Margaret; Mustillo, Sarah; Niebur, Glen; Niemier, Michael; Njomo, Allan; Olinger, Gerry, C.S.C.; Page, Hugh; Pippenger, Michael; Polyzoides, Stefanos; Ramanan, Ramachandran; Rich, Kelley; Ryan, Maura; Schnell, Santiago; Sisk, Matthew; Springs, Jason; Stinson, Sierra; Urbany, Joe; Visconsi, Elliott; Walsh, Molly; Williams, Richard; Younes, Samir

Observers Present: Collins, Kelley; Frabutt, Jim; Hurley, Chuck; Leady, Jim; Schoenig, Demetra; Thompson, Lance; Willerton, Ryan

Voting Members Absent or Excused: Clinton, Grace; Cory, Therese; Cullinan, Shannon; Devaraj, Tara; Fein, Jeremy; Forsgren, La Donna; Garnett, Rick; Jensen, Lionel; Liberatore, John; Morsby, Janeala; Sheridan, Susan; Stober, Thomas; Wong, Stephanie

Minutes

Fr. Jenkins called the Academic Council meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and invited Molly Walsh to open the meeting with a prayer. He then invited a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting. A motion was made and seconded. There being no discussion or corrections, the minutes were approved on a voice vote. Fr. Jenkins subsequently invited a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting. A motion was made and seconded. There being no discussion or corrections, the minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Fr. Jenkins then invited Patricia Champion, chair of the Council's Faculty Affairs Committee, to speak to the next item on the agenda. Patty noted that, per the materials circulated to the committee in advance of the meeting, the Faculty Affairs committee has been discussing the concept of the University creating a "committee on committees." Patty described the goals such a committee would aim to address, including improved communication between faculty members and the University administration and improved faculty governance. Fr. Jenkins invited questions and comments from the Council, and a robust discussion ensued. Following the discussion, Fr. Jenkins invited Patty and the committee to consider the questions and suggestions that had arisen during the discussion as they navigate their next steps.

Fr. Jenkins thanked the council members for their time and adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m. The Faculty Affairs and Undergraduate Studies committees met subsequently.