

Newcomb-Tulane College Faculty Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

In Attendance Voting:

Liz Abboud, Julie Alvarez, Mia L. Bagneris, Ben Bennett, Katie Black, Mike Burke, Pierre Conner, Lorelei Copley, Marie Dahleh, Cynthia Ebinger, Katie Edwards, Holly Flora, Guadalupe Garcia, Anne Gibson, Scott Grayson, Sanda Groome, Elizabeth Gross, Michelle Hathaway, Julie Henriquez Aldana, Michael Hogg, Victor Holtcamp, Jacquelyne Howard, Mac Hyman, Kathy Jack, Nishad Kapadia, Lev Kaplan, Erin Kappeler, Dennis Kehoe, Sally Kenney, Rajat Khanna, Christina Kiel, Michelle Kohler, Jana Lipman, Ana Lopez, Susann Lusnia, Judith Maxwell, Vicki Mayer, Andrew McDowell, Adam McKeown, Tim McLean, Liz McMahon, Golan Moskowitz, David Mullin, Gans Narayanamoorthy, Scott Nolan, Laurie O'Brien, David O'Brien, Rebecca Otten, Amy Pfrimmer, Stephanie Porras, Robert Prilmeier, Katherine Raymond, Chris Rodning, Janet Ruscher, Katie Russell, Marty Sachs, Mimi Schippers, Dale Shuger, Eric Smith, Jeffrey Tasker, Ryder Thornton, John Verano, William Waller, Beth Wee, Toni Weiss, Carola Wenk, Michele White, Lara White, Jennifer Whitten, Fred Wietfeldt, Myke Yest, Marc Zender

In Attendance Nonvoting:

Amjad Ayoubi, Lee Skinner, Kimberly Foster, Brian Edwards, Kelly Grant, J. Celeste Lay, Casey Love, Sarah Montes, Colette Raphel, Ira Solomon

3:30: Dean Skinner calls the meeting to order

3:31: Minutes and Other Business

Professor Adam McKeown makes a motion to approve minutes from the previous NTC Faculty Meeting. Faculty make a friendly amendment to the minutes to include information on the straw poll at the previous meeting. The faculty secretary proposes to suspend voting on the minutes while he researches procedure.

3:37: Dean's Report and announcements

Dean Lee Skinner reports to faculty on Student Enrollment, Quality of Work, the Dean's List, Fellowship updates, Duren Professors, New Faculty Mentors, College Scholars Principals, and upcoming Honors Webinars.

3:52: Minutes

Professor Adam McKeown proposes voting upon the previous minutes with the included language: "A decision was made to hold an additional vote/straw pole with regard to the process of selecting school representatives to NTC committees."

Motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting with the additional language passes.

3:54: Reports from standing committees

Executive Committee: NTC Faculty Constitution Revisions

The revisions to the NTC Faculty Constitution are brought forth for discussion. Faculty discuss how NTC Faculty Committees should be populated, and if NTC should and/or has the authority to require schools to elect faculty representatives. A motions is brought forth to modify the language and fails.

Motion to replace the following language in section VII.A Standing Committees: Replace "chosen or elected by in the individual schools" with "elected by faculty in the individual schools (Yea 23 | Nay 35 | Abstain 5)

A motion is brought forth to modify language so that schools have the ability to make last minute curriculum changes that are beneficial to students and passes

Motion to change the phrase "proposed changes to curriculum" to "significant changes" and remove phrase "including but not limited to" and substitute a hyphen in the 3rd paragraph of the preamble and in Section VIIA5b (Yea 41 | Nay 9 | Abstain 7)

Discussion is closed and the NTC Faculty Constitution Revisions are brought to vote and pass.

Motion to approve the amendments to the NTC Faculty Constitution. (Yea 44 | Nay 8 | Abstain 5)

4:53: Curriculum Committee: Changes to Service Learning Requirements

Professor Judith Maxwell presents the Curriculum Committee's suggested changes to the required minimum hours of service per semester from 40 to 20, and the option to complete 40 hours for an additional credit. Brief discussion amongst the faculty on making policy out of practice, and how students will prove that have completed 40 hours for an extra credit hour. The motion is brought forth and passes.

Motion to approve the changes to Service Learning requirements proposed by the Curriculum Committee (Yea 40 | Nay 1 | Abstain 7)

5:01: Committee on Academic Requirements: Adjustment to NTC Incomplete Grades policy.

Professor Lorelei Cropley presents the Committee on Academic Requirements proposed changes to language for NTC Incomplete Grades policy: ‘The I will remain on the student’s transcript, accompanied by the final course grade,’ to “The I will remain on the student’s transcript, accompanied by the final course grade only when the final grade earned in the course is an F.’ It is briefly discussed how this proposal will help transcripts reflect the successful completion of courses. The motion is brought forth and passes.

Motion to approve the change to the NTC Incomplete Grades Policy proposed by the Committee on Academic Requirements (Yea 38 | Nay 5 | Abstain 3)

5:04: Committee on Academic Integrity: Report

Professor Sanda Groome presented a brief report on NTC Honor Board Violations during the Fall and Spring semesters of 2020. Faculty discuss current plagiarism concerns and solutions.

5:19: Meeting adjourned