FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2022


Attending: Claudio Verani, Lori Pile, Ken Jackson, Stephanie Hartwell, Kevin Cotter, Pei-Yong Wang, Caroline Brzuchowski.

Absent with notice: Eric Kessell.

Approval of November 3, 2022 FC meeting minutes – voted and approved motion.

Approval of items from the curriculum committee: Lori Pile
- New health economics minor – Kevin Cotter – voted and approved motion
- Changes to mathematics Ph.D. program – voted and approved motion: was postponed for Jan
- Changes to sociology M.A. program – voted and approved motion

Dean’s report

All syllabi should have language that includes snow days/(snow)remote day. This university policy will be coming out soon.

OVPR, Tim Stemmler is the new interim vice president and has had open discussions on IDC, budgets, and iBio. He is pharmacy professor and the dean is encouraging departments reach out to him with visits to their departments.

In-person appointments are in decline with the academic staff members, the department chairs will be notified of this decline and encourage the advisors to have more options and flexibility with appointments.

Humanities Commons – We are hoping to have this done soon with a possible naming and will have a grand opening.

Block tuition – 15 to 18 credits, spend less money on tuition and graduate faster. The departments are working on this initiative with particular courses to be included.

GradCAS/SLATE – The programs are having quite a few problems with technicalities. There are issues with the grad applications.

AGRADE – Possible changing the criteria and to have programs become cross college.
International student fees – the dean of the graduate school will review these on a case-by-case basis and majority of the time the fee is waived.