May Meeting Minutes
Faculty Senate
Tuesday, May 14th and Thursday, May 16th, 2019  12:15-1:40 Auerbach 326 and 1877 Club HJGC

Attendance Tuesday, May 14
Present:
President: Greg Woodward
Provost: Fred Sweitzer
A&S: Joanna Borucinska, Al DiChiara, Nels Hightberg, Anne Pidano, Natalie Politikos
Barney: Jerry Katrichis, Irina Naoumova, Onur Oz, Narendar Sumukadis
CETA: Seth Holmes, Saeid Moslehpoor, Paul Slabo, Akin Tatoglu
ENHP: Adam Goodworth, Sarah Hart, Claudia Oakes, Michael Wininger
Hartt: Steve Davis, Tracey Moore, Peter Woodard,
HAS: Andy Wollner
Hillyer: Jon Daigle
Staff Association: Ben Ide

Absent:
A&S: Kristen Comeforo, Larry Gould
Hartt: Warren Haston, Carrie Koffman
HAS: Cat Balco, Michael Vahrenwald
Hillyer: Paula Alderette, Mari Firkatian
SGA: John Lamaita

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
12:15  Call to Order
AP calls to order, 12:15pm

12:20  President: Gregory Woodward  https://ensemble.hartford.edu/Watch/j2C6Sxq8
1. Board of Regents
   a. Approved architectural concepts for new academic building and additions to Dana Hall
   b. Approved completion of physical building for Center for Student Success
   c. Approved $10M line of credit
   d. Approved $140K budget line for exploring architectural options for Wellness Center
   e. Approved budget, which includes 3.75% tuition hike + early retirement packages
   f. Enrollment is trending above “Expected” scenario and near “Best case” scenario
   g. Possibility to borrow 50M and fundraise 20M
   h. Discount rate near 63%
2. Spousal inclusion in Health Insurance
   a. Appears to have saved $700K over past year
   b. 110 spouses affected; 250 spouses remain covered

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http://www.hartford.edu/academics/faculty/faculty_senate/default.aspx
c. There are many factors and it’s a complicated issue  
d. Considering future plans to have gradated options

Q: How does University plan to improve its ranking  
GW: Focus on retention and keeping class size low. Also, review how metrics are used to compute rankings of colleges and universities

12:40 Provost: Fred Sweitzer  
https://ensemble.hartford.edu/Watch/z6CJf5m9
1. Follow-up on GW 
   a. Want to be strategic in efforts to modify ranking...  
   b. Some changes improve rank, but make University less appealing/decrease attendance  
2. Annual Faculty Evaluations 
   a. Intended complete overhaul with robust input this past year, but did not complete  
   b. Will rejoin effort next year with inclusive dialogue; No changes until then, except likely change in due date  
   c. Colleges/departments vary in size and therefore workload in evaluations review

Q: Please interpret University rankings metrics  
FS: Depends somewhat on how Hillyer is viewed, Hartt one-on-one classes

Q: Please clarify faculty evaluations process  
FS: Will get an email in a few weeks clarifying deadline and procedure

1:00 DISCUSSION AND VOTES:  
April Minutes  
Clicker vote: Motion passes: 27-0-0

May Curriculum Committee Report  
Extended discussion regarding Hartt proposal related to B.A. Theater/HTA 9 Curriculum Change Forms. Provided to Curriculum Committee by the Dean without Program Review sheet (per Committee: Review sheet is forthcoming). Discussion related to program resources, purview of Committee in adjudicating applications, and Hartt membership on Committee; discussion of procedure in reviewing Committee prior to delivery at Committee.

NH proposes to split report into two parts: mainline report and isolated Hartt item.  
AP receives indication that Senate willing to vote on mainline through voice; isolated item by clicker.  
By voice: Motion to vote on mainline report by voice; isolated item by clicker.  
Motion passes: Unanimous  
By voice: Motion to approve mainline Curriculum Committee report  
Motion passes: Unanimous  
By clicker: Motion to approve isolated items from Curriculum Committee report  
Motion does not pass: 3-23-1

Change to By-laws: Ad Hoc Committees  
No discussion. Clicker vote. Motion passes: 26-1-0

1:30 Committee reports
Staff Council: Ben Ide
First meeting of Staff Council held, with President Woodward as guest.
Next meeting: Jason Ferrell (Facilities).
Today concludes nomination period for executive positions.

SGA Representative: John Lamaita not attending

Awards & Nominations (Moslehpour for Haston): No meeting; all awards determined and awarded

Faculty Affairs (Tatoglu + Wininger): No meeting; leadership vote planned for next meeting

Environment + Sustainability (Holmes)
Met with President Woodward; Supportive, but no budget
Possible future course release for a faculty member to organize sustainability efforts

Curriculum Committee (Hightberg): No further report

Diversity Committee (DiChiara): No report

Student Affairs Committee (Slaboch): No report; Michael Vahrenwald will be sole Chair next year

Graduate Affairs (Holmes)
Exploring modification to student review period for short classes
Exploration of Provisional acceptance, which would differ from Conditional acceptance

1:40 First Read: Change to By-laws
AP summarizes role of Senate-Deans Joint Committee; meets monthly, not a voting body, meant to facilitate communication between Deans and Senate. Orientation for new Senators that changes to by-laws do not need to go to Colleges for advisory votes.

Discussion about balance between Senate business and prerogative for personal opinions as a mirror to Senators in Senate (who are not bound to College advisory votes and often give personal opinions). Discussion related to safeguarding junior faculty who may have to take contrarian positions on behalf of the Senate. Vote will take place in the fall.

1:50 Adjourn

Attendance Thursday, May 16th
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Thursday, May 16, 2019
12:00 Reconvene for lunch at 1877 Club
12:20 Presentation of Certificates
1:40 Adjourn