

Academic Assembly
Monday, October 2, 2023
2:05 p.m. 3:35 p.m.
Student Center 130 & Zoom

## **MINUTES**

Members Present: Carol Adams, Wan Bae, Philip Bardift, Deirdre Bowen, Marc Cohen, Douglas Eriksen, Danieli Evans, Naomi Hume, Nalini Iyer, Benjamin Jones-Rice (SGSU, ex-officio), Tayyab Mahmud, Richard McGaha, Rachel Olson (Staff Council, ex-officio), Patrick Murphy, Gayle Robinson, Bryan Ruppert, Patrick Schoettmer, Frank Shih, Kirsten Thompson Phillip Thompson, Erin Vernon, Kerry Von Esch and Glenn Yasuda.

## I. Opening Remarks, Marc Cohen

The meeting commenced at 2:06 p.m., with Marc Cohen, the Academic Assembly President, presiding. Marc outlined the following priorities for the year:

- a. To enhance communication and transparency, we aim to send out draft minutes via email within 72 hours and share what we consider significant with the campus community. Additionally, we'll actively seek input from faculty. We plan to schedule open sessions for all faculty once per quarter.
- b. There's a prevailing sentiment that institutional systems and processes can hinder faculty work. We'll monitor issues and administrative responses closely.
- c. We'll work on fostering a stronger sense of community and increasing trust on campus.

## II. Report about the Committee on Committees, Patrick Schoettmer

The Committee on Committees (ConC) has two primary roles. First, it acts as a steward for AcA and the faculty, maintaining records and tracking appointment calendars and charters. This helps identify who is responsible for what and facilitates communication with AcA. ConCalso monitors school/college representation across campus for DE and voice elevation. Second, ConC supports University governance, with most of the substantial work happening within the committee structure. Additionally, ConCaids in the flow of information back to AcA and all faculty to ensure accountability throughout the university.

a. There are a considerable number of AcA and University committees, and we need faculty members to actively participate. Without willing volunteers, AcA's work cannot progress. VP Schoettmer explained the general categories, including who controls the charter and membership for each committee and how appointments are made. There's also room for debate, such as whether committees chartered and staffed by ConC should be decentralized to the colleges. Charter reform will be addressed in the winter quarter to enhance shared governance within the committee structure.

b. AcA is seeking faculty volunteers for the Bylaws Committee (3-4 volunteers) and ConC (2  $\,$ 

can assist by reaching out to potential faculty

volunteers). Some committees are unable to operate due to a lack of quorum. AcA members