

*Minutes  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
February 1, 2017*

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Present: Professors: Todd Eisenstadt, Andrea Pearson, Larry Engel, Karen Baehler, ~~David Banks, Rick Chaffin~~, Richard Hardt, Kyle Brannon, Tim Doud, John Douglass, Chris Edelson, Bryan Fanite, Maria Gomez, John Haywood, Olivia Ivey, Kelly Joyner, Ken Knight, Iris Krasnow, Emily Lindsay, Jun Lu, Cathy Schaeff, Steve Silvia, Kate Wilson, Zehra Peynircioglu, Shalini Venturelli, Provost Scott A. Bass and DAA Mary L. Clark.

**Chair's Report – Todd Eisenstadt**

**Minutes Approval, December 7, 2016** - Professor Eisenstadt opened the floor for discussion of the December 7, 2016 minutes. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved 23-0-0 in favor.

**Upcoming Vice Chair Elections** – Professor Eisenstadt stated that the elections for the Vice Chair position will be held at the March Senate meeting. A list of senators from the past five years was distributed for review and asked that all take a look at this list and help to recruit possible candidates. Nomini

**Codifying Faculty Participation in the Presidential Search** – Professor Eisenstadt stated that the presidential search has been completed and that further work on creating a process for faculty involvement should be out in place for future searches. He had spoken to the board and this is in the works.

**AU Abroad Advisory Committee Adding UCC Member** – Sarah Dumont Director of AU abroad approached the Senate Executive Committee requesting a more formal role in the curriculum review process for the 70% of students that study abroad. After discussion it was agreed that the Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum will be working with the AU Abroad Advisory Committee as representation from the Senate.

**Budget Update** – Librarian Ivey stated that there is one official meeting left next week for the University Budget Committee to finalize their report to the board. The resolutions and recommendations provided from the Senate are being reviewed.

### **Provost's Report – Scott Bass**

Provost Bass stated that considerable disturbing issues with world events have the campus unsettled and will keep the administration focused on how to handle them with students as well as the entire AU community. He stated that this will be a priority throughout the term. He also



where it is today without their tremendous work. She also stated that what the committee is seeking today a sense from the faculty and a vote from the Senate to move forward with the core principles of AU Core. Full rollout will not be until AY 2021-2022 which leaves several years to work through details. Adjustments will need to be as we see how this impacts students and faculty. VP Waters also stated that it is the intent for this program to offer the best undergraduate experience possible at AU. The design of the core is to meet students where they are allowing students for the first time to address problems that don't have answers. This helps them look at interdisciplinary issues. We will continue to return to the Senate with updates regularly on the progress of the AU Core.

Professor Bair Van Dam gave an over view of the AU Core. She went into details on the courses and the content as well as the various paths that students can take them. Additionally, she went over the requests as a result of faculty feedback and pilot assessments.

VPUG went over in more details from the pilot feedback. Professor Bair Van Dam went over the process of the program rollout. She stated that this will allow for a process to be managed and faculty participation will be extensive. There will still be communication with the community and via the Faculty Senate.

Professor Eisenstadt opened the floor for questions. Further discussion was had and many thanks was given to the developing committee members.

The Senate **VOTED** and the AU Core was passed unanimously 22-

