

## Faculty Senate Business Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2024

**Present:**

Michael Allen, Megan Atkinson, Teddy Burch, Scott Christen, Melissa Comer, Kris Craven, Mark Creter, Andrew Donadio, Dennis Fennewald, Joshua Field, Mary Lou Fornehed, Jerry Gannod,

c. September 16, 2024 Business Meeting

Motion: Smith-Andrews

Second: Mills

Discussion: None

Vote: Minutes approved

3. **Introduction to First Generation Initiative (Harry Ingle)**

Harry Ingle presented information on the First Gen Initiative. Information about First Gen status is self-reported on the FAFSA. Defined based on the parents' education level – parents do not have a college degree. This initiative works to identify these students, create a sense of community, increase awareness and understanding, as well as developing and incorporating best practices when working with this population. The First Gen population represents nearly 25% of our freshmen.

Questions/Discussion:

- Ideas about decreasing enrollment? (Possibly Covid, changes in recruitment, free

**5. Carry forward of discussion point from the last business meeting**

- a. Policies 205, 206 and 207: Revision of Policy 205 and 206 (Info from co-chairs of committee – Dr. Lisa Zagumny & Dr. Kimberly Winkle):

New committee has been formed for the revision of 205 and 206; 16 members - Senators Christen, Fornehed, Shipley, dept chairs, etc. First meeting held on Oct. 8, with a deep dive on the policies. Goal is to make them clearer. They should mirror each other to some extent but they don't. Process will be to tackle sections across both policies, make the language clear and easier to read without changing the spirit of the policies. After the policies are done, we will work on the handbook. We are meeting monthly through the end of the semester and hope to bring the policies back in January for a first read

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**Calendar Reminders:**

Faculty Senate meeting with VP Stinson –