

University Committee on Academic Governance

Draft Minutes

September 25, 2025



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Present: Elizabeth (Liz) Gardner, Heidi Pineda, Julia Ezzo, Teresa Cuellar, Diana Bello DeOcampo, Nick Reynolds, Arthur Versluis, Christopher Maxwell, Martin Crimp, Nic Heilman, Rick Hallgren, MJ Jackson, Saleem Alhabash, Jiying Ling, Laura MacDonald, Gerald (Jerry) Urquhart, Frank Ravitch, Mary Juzwik, Aesha Zakaria, Tony Pham, Stacia Moroski-Rigney, Gordon Sly,

Absent: Shawnee Vickery, Daniel Kramer, N. Bari Olivier, Suriya Feto, Brittany Atkins, John Fitzsimmons

A regular meeting of the University Committee on Academic Governance was held on September 25, 2025, at 3:17 pm via Zoom with Chairperson Gardner presiding. The agenda was approved as amended. The minutes of the September 4, 2025, meeting were approved as written.

Remarks

Chairperson Gardner remarks regarding the One Health Council and the survey regarding the One Team, One Health initiative.

Returning Business

Chairperson Gardner noted that there was an administrative error regarding changes to the selection of the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) in the Athletic Council bylaws (5.2.3.1), which were approved by UCAG in Fall 2024, and the amendment that was sent for approval to the Board of Trustees. Discussion. Motion to amend the bylaws to approve that the FAR will be elected by the faculty. Motion approved.

Vice Chairperson Bello-DeOcampo proposed guidelines for UCAG to use to aid in the selection of the Pool of Faculty Volunteers (POFV). Motion to adopt these guidelines. Motion approved.

Secretary Ezzo presented proposed changes to the questions on the Pool of Faculty Volunteers application. Discussion. Motion to include a link on the application to the POFV guidelines UCAG will use. Motion approved. Motion to approve the changes to the application questions. Motion approved.

New Business

Secretary for Academic Governance Cuellar led a discussion regarding faculty elected to Academic Governance being asked to resign from those roles by their deans. Secretary for Academic Governance Cuellar emphasized that once elected,

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no one can ask a person to resign from that role, unless that person leaves the university. Motion that the Secretary for Academic Governance will state this policy during the first meeting of the University Council and that this policy will be officially distributed in a memo from the SAG's office to all university committee chairs to bring to their committee members. In the future, this policy will also be added to the first Faculty Senate meeting by the SAG's office. Discussion. Motion approved.

Jerry Urquhart, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee Review of the University Committee on the Curriculum, reported on their activities and recommendations. Discussion regarding proposed changes to 4.5.1 and the addition of a new section, 4.5.5. Motion to amended 4.5.1 to state "up to three graduate students." Motion approved. Motion to approve 4.5.1 as amended. Motion approved. Motion to approve the adoption of 4.5.5 as written. Discussion. Motion approved.

Chairperson Gardner instructed that a replacement member was needed on the University Committee on Student Affairs. Motion to use the results of the previous election and to send the name of the person who received the second highest votes to Faculty Senate for approval. Discussion. Motion approved.

Comments from the Floor

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Julia Ezzo

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Secretary for UCAG

Approved: