

Faculty Assembly Minutes December 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM.

In attendance were 24 faculty members from the Schools of A&S, Engineering, Law, Nursing, NCSSS, TRS, and the Rome School of Music, Drama & Art.

Dr. William Barbieri presided over the meeting.

Dr. William Barbieri welcomed everyone and thanked Dr. Julia Young for her service before she leaves for Rome during Spring 2023. He offered a warm invitation for people to join the Executive Board.

Approval of Proposed Bylaws.

Dr. Michael Mack proposed that the Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly be adopted. The Faculty in attendance asked several questions about phrasing. The Faculty Assembly voted to approve the Faculty Assembly Bylaws with a friendly amendment that “A quorum, for purposes other than calling a general meeting, equals at least 40 percent of the Executive Board, but no fewer than 3 people”). The Bylaws were approved **with a vote of** 16 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention.

Updates on FA Executive Board meeting with President Kilpatrick

Dr. William Barbieri gave a recap of the meeting between the Faculty Assembly Executive Board and President Kilpatrick. Of note was that President Kilpatrick stated that this was not an official meeting with the Faculty Assembly since the FA is not an “official” organization. The issues covered during the meeting included his general vision, specifics of his vision for increasing enrollment at University, his marketing strategy. Faculty Assembly representatives also brought up concerns of our own, including faculty representation on committees, a more general discussion about morale at the university, and financial transparency. Part of the discussion was about functionality of the Senate and whether the question might be raised about how effectively the Senate is serving faculty interests. The FA representatives also advocated for inclusion on key committees, particularly the GROWTH Task Force Committee.

Setting Faculty Assembly priorities for next semester

The assembled faculty had a brief discussion about priorities for next semester. A faculty member requested that President Kilpatrick be invited to a meeting of the Faculty Assembly. Another faculty member shared their frustration that the Administration has not made a statement in support of the Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act (“Daniel’s Law”), proposed federal legislation that would protect federal judges.

Faculty Assembly social

Dr. William Barbieri proposed a social gathering at Busboys & Poets for Spring 2023. A faculty member requested that the FA use a Doodle poll to find an agreeable time.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.