

Faculty Assembly General Meeting

March 1, 2024

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The meeting commenced at 12:30 pm. Dr. William Barbieri led the discussion. There were twenty people in attendance, from the schools of Architecture, A&S, Engineering, Law, Rome School, Nursing, and TRS. (NCSST had a meeting at that time and was not represented.)

1. University Finances
 - a. The assembled faculty discussed recent slides shared by Senators with the latest information about the University budget, finances, prospective enrollment for next year, and retention this year.

2. Speakers Policy and Academic Freedom Concerns
 - a. Faculty raised and discussed concerns related to academic freedom in the wake of the firing of an adjunct faculty member in Psychology. Concerns include what faculty should do when inviting visiting speakers. The assembled faculty recommended that the issue be taken up in an upcoming Senate meeting.

3. DSS Requirements
 - a. Faculty discussed concerns about DSS policies allowing students with accommodations to record lectures using Glean; there are intellectual property concerns (namely, that the software might be used to build Large Language Learning Models or to summarize lectures and notes). A representative from CTE stated that CTE will be working with DSS to solicit faculty feedback on this issue.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 PM.