

University Senate  
**General Assembly Meeting**  
Minutes  
April 22, 2022

**Senators Present:** Minerva Ahumada, Suzanne Bost, Laura Brentner, Anthony Deldin, William Duffy, Sarita Heer, Lee Hood, Kristin Krueger, Patricia Lee, Joe Mitzenmacher, Wei Qui, Maria Wathen, Karen Cornelius, Anne Divita Kopacz, Tobyn Friar, Kevin Newman, Mark Torrez, Erla Dervishi, Matt Lorentz, Abby Abuya, Jonathan Okstad, Thomas Kelly, Teresa Krafcisin, Margaret Callahan (*ex. officio*), Justyna Canning (*ex. officio*), Tavis Jules (*ex. officio*)

**Absent:** Francis Alonzo, Jenna Drenten, Yvonne El Ashmawi, Eve Geroulis, Leo Irakliotis, Matthew Williams, Selam Kashay, Elani Williams, Emily Barman

**Quorum (23/33):** Voting members present at start of meeting; quorum is **satisfied**.

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Chair Heer called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

**I. Review of preliminary agenda and call for motions to amend**

No motions to amend.

**II. Approval of Minutes from March 25**

Sen. Krafcisin motioned to approve the minutes. Sen. Wathen seconded.

**III. Discussion and Vote: Guidelines for Accelerated Bachelor's**

Chair Heer introduced Robyn Mallett, associate provost for academic programs and planning, to discuss the guidelines for accelerated bachelor's/master's programs.

Presentation:

- Loyola's accreditation body, the Higher Learning Commission, expects uniform guidelines for accelerated bachelor's/master's programs that are followed across Loyola's schools and colleges. Reaccreditation will happen in 2024-25.
- The discussion of University-wide guidelines began in 2021 and engaged many groups across Loyola. The proposed changes would go into effect by fall 2023.
- The guidelines cover admission requirements, curriculum, student advising, tuition and financial aid, and graduation.



Discussion:

- Sen. Wathen asked what happened if there are conflicts because of specialized accreditation in specific schools. Mallett pointed to footnotes in the guidelines that carve out space for specialized accreditation.
- Sen. Deldin asked what the guidelines say about shared credits. Mallett said that up to 50 percent of credits can be shared between programs.

Vote: Do you approve the Guidelines for Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Programs?

Yes 21

No 0

Abstain 2

**IV. Discussion and Vote: Act to Adopt University Senate Act Number: 2022-03 With regard to amendments related to technical inconsistencies**

Chair Heer invited the Bylaws Committee to present the proposed bylaws changes.

Discussion:

- Sen. Lee reviewed the bylaws measure up for discussion, which calls for updates to the bylaws in light of the previously approved change to campus-based voting.

Discussion:

- Sen. Krueger thanked Sen. Lee and the Bylaws Committee for all their work.

Vote: Do you approve Act 2022-03 With Regard to Amendments Related to Technical Inconsistencies?

Yes 22

No 0

Abstain 0

**V. Discussion and Vote: Resolution to Extend Election Procedures until Fall Semester**

Chair Heer invited the Bylaws Committee to present the election resolution.

Presentation:

- Sen. Lee reviewed the election resolution, which seeks ratification and approval from the University Senate that the timelines and the process of nominations, elections, tabulations, and the first meeting of newly elected Senators for the 2022 election year should be moved from spring semester to early in the fall semester.

- The new timeline is proposed as the recent bylaws changes still need to be approved by the president and the Senate needs to develop a path forward for calls for nominations, the elections, and tabulations.

Discussion:

- Chair Heer stated that this would mean that all current senators would continue until the new elections in the fall. The Senate is usually dormant in the summer.
- Sen. Duffy asked if senators can also serve on Faculty Council. Chair Heer said there is no conflict.

Vote: Do you approve the Resolution to Extend Election Procedures until Fall Semester?

Yes 23

No 0

Abstain 1

- Sen. Deldin and Sen. Jules asked what the election process and timeline would look like. Chair Heer outlined a tentative timeline, including a call for nominations in early August and elections the week before the fall semester. The new senators would be seated at the first meeting of the fall term. She and the Bylaws Committee will fully develop this plan.
- Sen. Divita Kopacz suggested that the Senate survey current senators about their plans for May through August before the new senators are elected in the fall so the Senate knows what seats will remain filled.

## VI. **Presentation: SGLC Paper-Limited Classroom Resolution**

Chair Heer invited Sen. Lorenz and Sen. Dervishi to update the Senate on the status of the Paper-Limited Classroom resolution.

Presentation

- Sen. Lorenz stated that Faculty Council voted against the Paper-Limited Resolution. SGLC has been working with the council's Academic Affairs Committee to streamline the resolution.
- The action steps have shifted to adopting a policy that would offer more transparency on the costs of printing for specific classes and having academic departments evaluate their pedagogical practices to see if their classes require printing.
- As some students do not have access to digital resources, the resolution encourages departments to seek alternatives to paper that are equitable, accessible, and sustainable. The hope is that this prompts a greater growth in University technology services.



- Sen. Dervishi said that the revised resolution will be voted on at the May Faculty Council meeting. She asked Senate to vote on the process and ask Faculty Council to follow through.

Discussion:

- Sen. Jules said that the Senate cannot ask Faculty Council to follow any process, as Faculty Council may accept or reject the revised proposal. The council was concerned with the pedagogical implications of the resolution. Sen. Jules asked if Senate should wait until Faculty Council votes, as confusion could be introduced if Senate approves the resolution and Faculty Council does not. Chair Heer suggested that conflict between the shared governance bodies may put the resolution into limbo. Sen. Callahan said that neither body can override the other body. Sen. Kelly said that he often gets conflicting advice from the shared governance bodies and needs to make decisions; Sen. Callahan agreed.
- Sen. Bost said that the equity issue is more complicated than students' ability to bring devices to class. Some students have migraine or seizure issues that preclude them from looking at a screen too long. Equity in this case may focus on awareness and working with students. Sen. Lorenz said that faculty can make accommodations for students as needed.
- Sen. Krueger asked how much students pay for printing above and beyond their printing funds. Sen. Dervishi said that SGLC does not have that data, but that each student receives \$3.50 each semester, which enables them to print 35 black-and-white double-sided pages, and that almost all students need to add to their printing fund.
- Sen. Divita Kopacz suggested not voting until the final resolution has been crafted. Chair Heer and Sen. Ahumada agreed. Sen. Dervishi agreed to voting in May on the revised resolution.

**VII. Announcement: Ad Hoc Wellness Committee**

Chair Heer introduced the creation of an ad hoc wellness committee and invited Sen. Dervishi to present.

Presentation:

- Sen. Dervishi presented the following charge:

The University Senate Health and Wellness Committee reviews, researches, and prepares recommendations on issues and policies related to the University community's health and wellness, particularly focusing on embedded and continuous preventative wellness programming across University departments.

- The ad hoc committee would begin work in fall 2022.

Discussion

- Chair Heer invited senators to consider volunteering for the committee.

**VIII. Other**

Chair Heer invited senators interested in running for Senate chair to reach out to her for more information.

Sen. Hood motioned for adjournment; Sen. Wathen seconded.

**General Assembly meeting adjourned at 3:49 PM.**

*Respectfully Submitted ADK 5/5/22*

**Senate Meeting Schedule for Academic Year 2021-22**

**General Assembly Meetings**

• <del>September 10</del>	<del>3:00-5:30PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>October 15</del>	<del>3:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>November 19</del>	<del>3:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>January 28</del>	<del>3:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>February 25</del>	<del>3:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>March 25</del>	<del>3:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>April 22</del>	<del>3:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• May 20	3:00-5:00PM	Zoom

**Executive Committee Meetings**

• <del>August 26</del>	<del>3:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>October 1</del>	<del>3:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>November 5</del>	<del>3:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>January 14</del>	<del>3:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>February 11</del>	<del>3:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>March 15</del>	<del>4:00-5:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>April 8</del>	<del>3:00-4:00PM</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• May 6	3:00-4:00PM	Zoom