

FACULTY CONFERENCE REPORT TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

16 February 2022

Thank you, President Morehead and Members of Council

February 2022 Meeting

The Faculty Conference met on 10 February 2022, via Zoom Meeting. The meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

As Faculty Conference had been inactive since 2003, I will reiterate the description of the Faculty Conference in the University Council Bylaws. The bylaws state:

“The Faculty Conference shall provide a forum for the discussion of issues of concern to the University Faculty. It is composed of all elected University Council faculty members and those faculty members of the University Council who are appointed by the Executive Committee. It shall elect a chair and a secretary. Meetings can be called by the chair or upon petition of 10 members of the Conference.”

Having just one action item, the Steering Committee planned an agenda to align with the UC Bylaws description to *“Provide a forum for the discussion of issues of concern to the University Faculty”* and created 6 discussion groups that attending faculty could self-select:

1. Research Climate and Advocacy—Lisa Renzi, Facilitator & FCSC
2. Academic Affairs—Jamie McClung, Facilitator & FCSC
3. Faculty Affairs—Janette Hill, Facilitator & Chair of Faculty Affairs
4. Faculty Conference Structure & Governance—Paula Krimer, Facilitator & FCSC
5. External Relations—Esra Santesso, Facilitator & Faculty Affairs Committee
6. Working Together as Faculty—Tony Mallon, Facilitator & FCSC

Each discussion group joined a breakout room for 20 minutes and recorded ideas for future Faculty Conference consideration and action. Breakout room facilitators shared a brief report out. The FC is in the process of determining its structure,

standing meeting schedule, and focus, seeking input from committee members in the process. This month's breakout groups will provide future agenda items and possibly standing committees of the FC.

I am happy to report that Faculty Conference has been added to the University Council website as a standing committee and you will find our minutes and reports there as we populate the space with our information.

If you are a faculty member and sit on University Council, you are on the Faculty Conference. Please plan to attend our future meetings or send a proxy.

Future meetings of Faculty Conference will be:

1. 1 March 2022: 3:30-5:00 PM
2. 12 April 2022: 1:00-2:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Faculty Conference