



VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY CONGRESS

Academic Year 2023-2024

May 10, 2024
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

In person (with lunch), President's Lounge, Connelly Center
(or, by request, via Zoom: <https://villanova.zoom.us/j/94432808002>)

AGENDA

Housekeeping

- Lunch will be Noon – 12:30pm; Meeting business will start at 12:30pm
- Welcome!
- Approval of minutes from March, 2024 meeting

Minutes Approved

Announcements/preliminaries

- Remembering Joe Betz
- St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service (Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024) **Group Leader Registration:** If you are the leader of a group or an organization that wants to participate in the Day of Service, you can register the group and serve as the group leader. Group leaders create a positive experience for the volunteers by organizing and leading their volunteers throughout the day. **Volunteer Registration:** For those looking to serve with a particular group or organization, you can register using the volunteer link to join your desired group. You can also register as an *individual volunteer* rather than with a particular group, and you will be paired with other individual volunteers for the Day of Service.
- OSPI survey on personal days forthcoming

Standing Committee Reports (*reports submitted in advance; please see appendix; this time set aside for elevated issues and/or questions*)

1. Awards Committee (Joe Schick (chair), Sherry Burrell, Jennifer Ross) – Facultas award selection for approval (Appendix)

Selections approved unanimously

2. Adjunct Faculty Representatives (Tina Agustiady, Eric Hamberger)
3. CNT/FTNTT Faculty Representatives (Sue Metzger, John-Paul Spiro)

Amanda Knecht, Ann Juliano, Aronte Bennet, Bridget Wadzuk, Cheryl Carleton, Col. Vincent Ciuccoli, David Shaffer, Eric Hamberger, Farshid Baghai, Frank Pryor, Gerald Beyer, Gregory Hoskins, Jacob Elmer, Jared Paul, Jennifer Altamuro, Jennifer Ross, Jeremy Kees, Joe Betz, John Sedunov, John-Paul Spiro, Joseph Drury (Vice Chair), Kamran Javadizadeh, Kathryn Haymaker (Chair), Kerry San Chirico, Lisa Sewell, Mark Wilson, Michelle Kelly, Michelle McKay, Paul Bernhardt, Qi Schlupp, Rachel Skrlac Lo, Raka Shome, Samantha Chapman, Sergey Nersesov, Sherry Burrell, Stephanie Katz Linkmeyer, Sue Metzger, Theodore Arapis, Tina Agustiady, Troy Shirangi, William Wagner

4. Election and Credentials Committee (Q Chung, Jen Palenchar, Tania Romero, Qi Schlupp, Bob Styer [emeritus])
5. Research Policy Committee (RPC; Jared Paul, chair)
6. Faculty Rights & Responsibilities Committee (FRRC; Amanda Knecht, chair)
7. Retired faculty members

Committees with Faculty Representation (*reports submitted in advance; please see appendix; this time set aside for elevated issues and/or questions*)

1. Academic Policy Committee (Bridget Wadzuk, chair)

Old Business

1. Recognizing the 2022-2024 members of Faculty Congress (Katie Haymaker)
2. HERI Faculty Survey results – requesting College-level data (Joe Drury)

Faculty representatives from the colleges are encouraged to submit requests to their deans for college level data.

3. Feedback/dissemination of information from the Faculty and Provost forum (Jared Paul)

FC expressed a desire to see more faculty feedback. Cabrini plans are evolving rapidly, and it is important to activate the faculty consultation committee. The Cabrini Focus Committee will tour the campus in July. It was noted that the Strategic Plan (particularly with regard to hiring) is largely on hold. There is a need to seek clarity about the hiring process to staff the increased enrollment with expansion to Cabrini.

New Business

1. Electing new FCEC members: Treasurer, Secretary, CNT, T/TT, and Adjunct seats (Jared Paul)

Secretary: Andrew Scott

Treasurer: Rachel Lo

At Large CNT: Rishtee Batra

At Large TT: Christopher Kilby

Adjunct: Tina Augustiady

APC: Gregory Hoskins

FRRC:

RPC:

2. APC/RPC/FRRC/other member breakout sessions to elect chairs (breakouts run by outgoing committee chairs)
 - APC breakout: Bridget Wadzuk (note APC chair election will happen virtually later in May)
 - FRRC breakout: Amanda Knecht
 - RPC breakout: Jared Paul
 - Other members (not APC, FRRC, or RPC): Katie Haymaker
3. Other business

Reminders

Upcoming Congress events:

FC leadership meetings with Provost & Vice Provost

(Katie, Joe, Bridget, Amanda)

- ~~Tuesday, February 6~~
- ~~Wednesday, April 17~~

Fall 2023 Faculty Congress general meetings

- ~~Friday, Feb 2, 12pm—1:00pm (Zoom)~~
- ~~Thursday, March 21, 2:00pm—3:30pm (Zoom)~~
- ~~Friday, May 10, 12:00pm—1:30pm In person with lunch!! President's Lounge~~

2023-24 Faculty Fridays, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (*The Refectory*)

- ~~February 2~~
- ~~March 4~~
- ~~April 5~~

~~Provost Faculty Forum—April 30, 2pm—3pm, Zoom~~

Appendix A: Standing Committee Reports

1. Awards Committee: Facultas Award

Upon approval by Faculty Congress, a first and second selection for the Facultas Award will be sent to the President for approval and the first selection will be presented at the staff awards luncheon in Summer 2024.

- a. First selection: Robert O'Reilly-Gindhart, General Manager, Convenience Stores, Dining Services Operations; *Supporting statement: Rob selflessly has hired as employees and interns multiple of our VUnited Scholars students with intellectual disabilities. He is an attentive boss and selfless servant-leader who goes above and beyond to make sure everyone is comfortable and happy, whether they be his employees or students accessing Dining Services. I always see him with a smile on his face, and he has the biggest heart for others. He is exemplary of what it means to embody Villanova.*
- b. Second selection: Mary Simon, Custodial Services *Mary is a very dedicated Villanovan for many years on the housekeeping staff. She is always there to assist with keeping Driscoll Hall up to superior standards. She waters flowers and plants and makes sure all lavatories are kept in excellent condition. She is always friendly with staff, faculty, and students. She has been with Villanova for many years and cares about the university. Mary is a gem and should be recognized for her service to Villanova.*

2. Elections and Credentials Committee

- a. The ECC announces the results of elections but does not announce vote totals nor the rankings of the candidates.
- b. Due to the difficulties with getting photos (since so many faculty now do not have an official photo in the UNIT database), in future elections the ECC will only give links to the official bio page (which displays the photo if one exists) but not include photos on the elections page.
- c. The Elections and Credentials Committee is grateful to Tom Roscoe in OSPIE for invaluable assistance in preparing and troubleshooting problems in the elections pages.

3. Academic Policy Committee

- a. APC heard about the revised University Learning Goals and voted in the majority to recommend their adoption.
- b. APC were presented with a student led initiative for Nov 5, 2024 (Election Day) to be an asynchronous class day, which was voted on as a resolution. APC voted in the majority to support this resolution.