



VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY CONGRESS

Academic Year 2023-2024

March 21, 2024
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

via Zoom: <https://villanova.zoom.us/j/94432808002>

AGENDA

Present: Tina Agustiady, Theodore Arapis, Farshid Baghai, Aronte Bennet, Paul Bernhardt, Joe Betz, Gerald Beyer, Col. Vincent Ciuccoli, Joseph Drury, Kathryn Haymaker, Gregory Hoskins, Kamran Javadizadeh, Ann Juliano, Stephanie Katz Linkmeyer, Jeremy Kees, Michelle Kelly, Amanda Knecht, Rachel Skrlac Lo, Jennifer Ross, Qi Schlupp, John Sedunov, David Shaffer, Raka Shome, John-Paul Spiro, Bridget Wadzuk, Mark Wilson

Absent: Jennifer Altamuro, Sherry Burrell, Cheryl Carleton, Samantha Chapman, Kerry San Chirico, Jacob Elmer, Eric Hamberger, Michelle McKay, Sue Metzger, Sergei Nersesov, Jared Paul, Frank Pryor, Lisa Sewell, Troy Shirangi, William Wagner

Housekeeping

- Welcome
- Approval of minutes from Feb, 2024 meeting

Minutes approved

Announcements/preliminaries

- Update from University Budget Committee (Jennifer Mondillo)

VU will fully acquire Cabrini on June 1, 2024. Cabrini will remain dormant for two years to allow for rehabilitation. Campus should be operational by the fall 2026. Plans and discussions about how to utilize the space are ongoing, with continued input and consultation with Faculty Congress.

- Please nominate yourself or a colleague for FC elections! Nomination form to run for faculty congress election: <https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/facultycongress/nominations.html>
- Election for chair and vice chair, 2024-2026 term

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

- Nominees: Jared Paul (Chair), Joe Drury (Vice Chair)

Confirmed unanimously

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) – see attachment – **please keep confidential until all awards have been officially announced**
2. Adjunct Faculty Representatives (Tina Agustiady, Eric Hamberger)
3. CNT/FTNTT Faculty Representatives (Sue Metzger, John-Paul Spiro)
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)

A section has been added to the Faculty Handbook on rights regarding lecture capture.

7. Retired faculty members (Joe Betz)

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. FC Bylaws changes – discussion and vote (Bob Styer) – Attached

4 Motions Approved.

2. Commendation for Dr. Terry Nance (Aronté Bennett, Rachel Skrlac Lo) – Attached
3. CLAS T/TT Teaching Load Task Force update (Joe Drury)

Conversations are ongoing and there are plans for a meeting of CLAS representatives. The acquisition of Cabrini has significantly impacted the immediate prospect of new faculty hires that would reduce teaching loads. The relevant portion of the Strategic Plan is delayed by two years or more.

New Business

1. Election day asynchronous instruction (Rachel Skrlac Lo, Lisa Sewell) – attached

Graduate student body voted 12-1 in favor. Proposal before SGA. Concerns expressed about the demand for asynchronous, as opposed to perhaps a softer recommendation

2. CATS Diversity and Inclusion questions and anonymized data discussion (Aronté Bennett)

DEI questions are only available to chair and instructor. There is a desire among the students that DEI questions be more actionable, as they are currently not used for faculty evaluations. There are proposals to use anonymized data by college so that colleges can engage in training and attempts to addressing concerns.

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 (~~Zoom~~) In person with lunch!! St. Augustine Center Room 300

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

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

Provost Faculty Forum – date/time TBD

Appendix A: Standing Committee Reports

1. Elections Committee Report

- *Nominations for the Faculty Congress elections are under way.*
- *The nomination process is very active with a good number of confirmed candidacies.*
- *Election & Credentials thanks Katie Haymaker for her recruiting efforts.*
- *Nomination deadline has been extended till Friday, 3/22/2024.*
- *Actual elections can start right after the Easter Recess.*

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