

Washington University in St. Louis
Minutes of Faculty Senate Council Meeting
January 19, 2022

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Guests: Marc Carlton, Rick Stanton

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from the December 7th meeting were approved.

2. Chancellor's Report—Andrew Martin, Chancellor

The Chancellor reported that the campus is starting the New Year in a place we did not expect to be, dealing with a new outbreak of COVID-19. But we are good at pivoting. Last time the FSC met Omicron had just been found; now we know what happened. The Chancellor applauded the work of faculty, staff and clinical staff at WUSM.

An update: the COVID-19 numbers are high regionally, but we may be approaching the peak; hard to know. The Danforth campus is slated to resume in person on 1/31; two extra weeks not on campus were planned. We have put in place an impressive testing protocol with two required tests 48 hours before arriving, a second on arrival. So far we are not requiring a booster for WashU, but it is strongly recommended.

Why are we not mandating the booster? We are following the guidance of the Infectious Disease faculty. We expect to see some clarification on masking – isolation masks rather than cloth. We do know that there are two million isolation masks ready to roll, in addition to the PPE stock.

There was despicable vandalism on underpass recently and there is an investigation underway at the local and federal levels. We cannot provide updates, so not to compromise investigation, but we hope in short order to make an announcement. We have plans to commemorate the mural.

The Provost is continuing work on strategic planning. In March there will be a deep dive at the Board of Trustees, then in May for approval. We have appointed a new Vice Provost Mary McKay.

Q&A:

Q: Are there plans for testing once students have arrived?

A: We continue to follow guidance. There is a drop in testing for faculty, staff and students; we are not doing surveillance testing. The Chancellor reported that we were doing the saliva based test.

Q: What is the turn around on the tests?

A: About 24 hours.

3. Chair's Report – Amy Eyer

The Chair welcomed a new member – Dennis Barbour.

On the gender and racial pay equity report, this has been delayed due to additional analyses requested. This will be presented 2/23, then at Gender Equity Summit. There is no formal process for this report to be done and the Chair will be seeking to implement one.

We have received two big grants to transform culture and diversity on campus. In all ways this is expect to change the institutional culture and impact faculty.

The Cori and Compton Awards will be revealed on Founders Day.

4. Parking Across Campuses: An Update, Marc Carlton, Director, Parking and Transportation

In Feb 2020, there was a report issued on the bicampus experience; addressing roadblocks to synergy between campuses. Several issues were discussed in the report. We have decided to look at the status and progress. There were some low hanging fruit identified, especially related to parking and transportation. Marc Carlton presented a PowerPoint ([available on the website](#)).

Recommendations considered:

1. To have a shuttle between campuses.

We already have MetroBus, MetroLink, and there is an App to help find these and the times.

2. Reciprocal parking: issues with program

A program was instituted to obtain access to other campus with swipe access to garages. It allows for entry, exits tracking. There is a standardized garage. We do not track North and west campus.

3. Transportation research materials between campuses

There was a group started to look at this, then it dropped; included some researchers between campuses.

Q&A:

Q: It was said that the reciprocal parking was announced in the Record. This is one outlet for this, but few are aware of this, perhaps because of where it was placed in the Record. Was it communicated in any other way?

A: We used the same methods as we have in the past. If there are other venues he is open to using them.

Q: Communication with people doing the research

A: Provost: response was to reach out to people doing biohazard transportation.

Q: Is the reciprocal parking available in any garage?

A: No, only the Clayton garage.

Q: For a Circulator – why not?

A: There are significant costs with running a shuttle. We would need a few vehicles. Cost to Metro partnership. There is a question about what ridership would look like. The Chancellor pointed out that through Metro the campus provides a massive subsidy; the largest of any system in STL. We have invested now in security. He believes that a shuttle is not the highest and best resources, costing \$1 to \$1.5 million or more.

5. Other Business

There has been concern raised about not putting a PhD after name in campus communications, and this was discussed. The campus lists only those with MD after their name, primarily because of the clinical work. The campus follows AP style. To facilitate the ease of picking up our press releases; it only applies to press releases.

Q: Confused why only MD and PhD? This is an AP rule – it is antiquated. Could we influence the AP style?

A: not sure.

There was a discussion of Workday issues; how it is impacting faculty. The Chair tasked the FSC with compiling responses and send in written comments. The budget piece is hard to track.

6. Executive Session

An executive session started at 4:56 pm.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy McBride, Secretary