

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Joint WSU/WSU Tech Senates

National Center for Aviation Training (NCAT)

4004 N. Webb Road, Wichita KS.

Monday, April 10, 2023

3:30-5:00 pm Dual mode meeting – NCAT and Zoom

[Attendance 2022-2023](#)

Ahmed, Alberton, Baker, Barut, Billingham, Boldsai Khan, Bowen, Buerge, Castro, Cluff, Connor, Dehner, Ding, Dowling, Figy, Gilstrap, Hammond, Heilman, Hepburn, Jamkartanian, Jarman, Mears, Meyer, Moody, Muether, Mullins, Musaji, Myose, Newman, Nicks, Parham, Pulaski, Rai, Ross, Sherif, Sherwood, Small, Solomey, Wallace, Williams.

Excused: Allen, Decker, Dudley, Lockard, Stone

Absent: Bubp, Celestin, Delacruz, Kuhlman, Lee, Pisano, Richburg, Salinas Monroy, Tamtam

Call to Order: 3:35 - Linda Sessions, President of WSU Tech Faculty Senate

Welcome from President Sessions and WSU President-Elect Jolynn Dowling

Opening Comments: WSU Tech President Sheree Utash – discussion of WSU Tech and WSU partnership through collaboration, 2+2 programs, Transfer Accelerator, and the Shocker Academy with Maize and Wichita Public Schools.

Topics Presented:

- ChatGPT: What is it and how are WSU and WSU Tech Responding?
 - David MacDonald, WSU and {{WHO}} discussing opportunities presented by generative AI. President Castro noted the opportunities with the [WSU AI Group](#) and the [ARC sessions on AI](#). Senators emphasized the need to take a long term view because the technology is growing rapidly.
- Student Classroom Engagement & Faculty/Student Commitments:
 - Work of WSU Tech faculty in General Education and Professional Studies.
 - Faculty Commitments
 - o Interact with students by name
 - o Monitor student behavior / progress and respond quickly
 - o Frequent communication early in the semester
 - o Have highly structured courses with penalties for missed assignments, but with flexibility when appropriate.
 - Student Commitments:
 - o Complete what they start.
 - o Attend class and attempt each assignment

- Ask questions and use support resources
 - Develop organized and disciplined work habits
- New Health Science Center in Partnership with WSU, WSU Tech & KU
 - Zach Gearhart presented the overview of the vision, the planning, and now the design phase of the facility. The goal is shovels in the ground by December 2023, opening in 2026. WSU Dean Hand stated that we should begin now discussing partnerships and collaboration across departments rather than waiting until a building is constructed. Senators Billingham and Figy inquired what impact the Health Sciences Center will have for the existing WSU facilities.

5:00 meeting Adjourned.

Prepared by John Hammond

Next Senate Meeting: April 24