

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2023

Members present: Andrew Newman, John Klein, Victor Figueroa, Christopher Trentacosta, Eric Kessell, Pramod Khosla, Alina Cherry, Jaime Goodrich, Sarah Swider, Chuanzhu Fan, Edward Golenberg, Robert Harr, Shelly Jo Kraft, Zachary Brewster, Ty Partridge, Hien Nguyen, Michael Belzer.

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Paul Clemens, Claudio Verani, Caroline Brzuchowski, Jennifer Wareham, Lori Pile, Anne Duggan, Donovan Hohn, Patricia Wren, Kimberly Hunter, Jeff Kneutzel.

Absent with notice: Fernando Charro.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The minutes of the Nov. 2, 2023 meeting were approved.

Anne Duggan provided an update from the college Budget Advisory Committee. She noted that while cuts were across the board this past year, they will not be so going forward. There were questions about the need for cuts and about funding from Lansing and through development.

Patricia Wren spoke of the changes to the B.S. and the Minor in Public Health, both of which were approved.

Kimberly Hunter discussed the proposed B.S. in Professional Biomedical Sciences, which would allow students who left WSU for a professional program in Pharmacy, for instance, to transfer back a year's worth of professional credits to complete a WSU degree. After considerable discussion—including questions about why the students do not simply come back to complete the WSU degree—the proposal was approved.

Donovan Hohn presented the changes to the English M.A., which were approved.

Zachary Brewster spoke of the changes to the sociology minor, which were approved.

Pramod Khosla asked for volunteers for the CLAS election committee.

Jeff Kneutzel of CAPS gave a presentation on his office's work and on student mental health across campus.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.