Arts and Sciences Council Agenda for February 20, 2023:

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1. Approval of December 2022 minutes - Approved
2. Report from Council Chair
   1. Reminder for faculty nominated for Teacher of the Year Award: Portfolios are due March 10.
   2. Department chairs have received answers to items that need to be brought up in council. For example: the Natural Sciences chairs suggested of adding a section on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to the annual evaluation form. Recommendations to consider changing the PAR, PAE, and PAHE forms to include a section on DEI.
   3. Chemistry department suggested to add a section on the Arts and Sciences website about helpful links on how to create a syllabus that contains special topics like mental health, academic integrity, Title IX, etc.
   4. February’s Cabinet meeting discussed Drake’s proposed science partnership with China’s Qingdao University, clarifying how the partnership will work.
3. Report from Council Vice-Chair
   1. Provost approved 3 Visiting Assistant Professor (VAP) lines for Arts and Sciences.
   2. Craig Owens, Bright College Dean, presented at the department chairs meeting about the pathways for Bright students to majors in Arts & Sciences. Both John Kippes, Associate Dean, and Craig Owens will work with each department to answer questions about this matter.
   3. In terms of student support, this year we have had more student suspensions and probations than in previous years.
   4. A brief discussion about Mental Health was started. How can we support our students undergoing a mental health crisis?
4. Report from Dean
   1. We have finalized 4 out of 7 tenured track line searches and recently posted 3 new VAP positions.
   2. Recruitment update: Funnel admission report comes out once a week. This year’s goal for Arts and Sciences is 400 EFR and 780 university wide. There are more admitted student party/events for us to reach our goal.
   3. Next year new budget model will be in place: Zero Budget Model.
5. Report from Student Council Representative (Tiffany Lopez)
   1. Nothing to report.
6. Report from Committee Chairs

a. Diversity Committee – Ali Malik

i. As our Council chair mentioned, we are trying to work toward updating PARs, PAEs, and PAHEs to include and recognize faculty with DEI work.

ii. Discussion with student representatives on a better way to communicate with students about DEI using social media, and share the findings with Jen Harvey’s office, deputy Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

b. Technology Committee – Eric Saylor

i. If there are small emergency tech issues, communicate with Ashley Rasmussen, Budget Manager. A portion of our budget is designated for emergency tech issues.

c. Academic Integrity – Yasmina Madden

i. Nothing to report.

e. Curriculum Committee – Ryan Sturms

i. All changes were approved.

ii. BIO 145 and MUS 160 are special topics for J-Term courses. These changes are to be communicated with Global Engagement rather than the Catalog.

iii. Concerns of utilizing only one textbook for ENG 139.

iv. The syllabus added for MUS 160 lists a different number, MUS 180. Needs to be changed in the Syllabus to match application.

1. Discuss and Vote Motion to change the handbook section on Teacher of the Year
   1. Approved
2. Discuss and Vote New Courses: Approved
   1. BIO 145 – Approved for J-Term not for permanent course.
   2. ENG 032
   3. ENG 082
   4. ENG 139
   5. MUS 160 – Approved for J-Term not for permanent course.
   6. NSCI 128
   7. NSCI 152
   8. POLS 104
   9. POLS 109
   10. POLS 136
3. Discuss and Vote Course Removal: Approved
   1. ENG 196
   2. ENG 197
4. Discuss and Vote Course Changes: Approved
   1. ARABIC 052
   2. ARABIC ASL CHIN FREN GERM ITAL SPAN 051
   3. ENG 116
   4. ENG 151
   5. MATH 131
   6. MATH 155
   7. MATH 156
   8. POLS 119
   9. POLS 191
   10. SPAN 154
5. Adjournment