AGENDA for FACULTY SENATE XXVI
2021-22
Faculty Senate Agenda
May 10, 2021

The XXVI Session of the Faculty Senate will meet on Monday, May 10, 4:40 to 5:00 PM

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS:

Important things to know before the meeting:
- The Senate constitution provides that: “Meetings of the Faculty Senate will be open to all faculty. Others may be present only on the invitation of the Agenda Committee. Anyone may be recognized to make a presentation at a Faculty Senate meeting, but only senators may propose motions or vote.” Visitors should contact Erin.Sharp@unh.edu to request permission to attend.

- Meetings of the Faculty Senate are recorded to aid in the preparation of meeting minutes.

- All meeting attendees are requested to show their first and last name in their Zoom profile. Participants who do not identify themselves may be removed from the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Election of Agenda Committee members (Appendix 2.1)
3. Remarks by and questions to the chair
4. New business
5. Motion to adjourn

APPENDIX 2.1

Note: The following slate will be presented for a vote by the Senate chair. However, nominations are also allowed from the floor. Any nominations from the floor must be accompanied by an agreement by the nominee to serve if elected.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
FOR THE SLATE FOR THE 2021/22 AGENDA COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR
Kevin Healey is an Associate Professor of Communication at the University of New Hampshire. He received his undergraduate degree from Drew University, his Masters in Media Studies from The New School, and his Ph.D. in Communication and Media from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Kevin writes and teaches about ethics, religion, and digital culture. His essays appear in numerous academic books and journals, as well as in popular forums like Salon and Huffington Post. He has received two teaching awards, one from UNH and another from the National Communication Association. His most recent book, Ethics and Religion in the Age of Social Media: Digital Proverbs for Responsible Citizens, received the 2020 Book of the Year Award from the Religious Communication Association. This book and his other ongoing research projects are supported by his participation in a three-year Public Theologies of Technology and Presence grant program sponsored by the Institute of Buddhist Studies and the Henry Luce Foundation.
FACULTY SENATE VICE CHAIR

Matt MacManes is an associate professor of genome-enabled biology in the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Biomedical Sciences in COLSA. He has been at UNH since 2013. Matt received an AAS in Nursing in 1999, a BS in Natural Resources at The University of Michigan (Go Blue!) in 2005, and a PhD in Integrative Biology from The University of California at Berkeley in 2011. Matt’s research program involves understanding how desert mammals survive despite the intense heat and profound lack of water by combining studies of physiology with genomics. Matt teaches courses in genetics, genomics, and bioinformatics, which bridge the fields of biology and computer sciences. Matt has had the privilege of serving on numerous Departmental, College, and University Committees including the Data Analytics Steering committee, the College P&T committee, and several faculty search committees. Matt is passionate about DEI, open access/science, and science communication. In his free time, Matt enjoys a hoppy IPA, his Great Dane puppy, and being outdoors.

AT-LARGE AGENDA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

James J. Connell (Jim) is a professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy with a joint appointment in the Space Science Center. He received his Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis. From graduate school he went to the Enrico Fermi Institute at the University of Chicago as academic research staff. His main work involved the High Energy Telescope (HET) on the Ulysses deep-space mission. In 2002 he moved to the University of New Hampshire as an associate professor. Since coming to UNH, Professor Connell has taught a variety of graduate and undergraduate Physics courses. He developed and taught an interdisciplinary Inquiry Course, PHYS-444, "Myths and Misconceptions about Nuclear Science," which addresses nuclear physics, technology, policy and society. This course was in the first group of 444 courses ever taught. At UNH, he has continued his research on high-energy space radiation and instrumentation. He developed a new technique known as ADIS (Angle Detecting Inclined Sensors) which is the basis of the Energetic Heavy Ion Sensor (EHIS) for the GOES-R series of weather satellites. The first of four EHIS instruments was launched on 19 November 2016 on GOES-16 (nee GOES-R), and the second launched on 1 March 2018 on GOES-17 (nee GOES-S), with the third currently scheduled for December 2021. Professor Connell has served on a range of departmental and university committees and became a faculty senator in 2011. He has served on the Agenda Committee since AY2012-13 and acted as Parliamentarian since AY2013-14.

Harriet Fertik is an associate professor of Classics in the Department of Classics, Humanities & Italian Studies. Her work focuses on ancient Roman political thought and on how Black American writers use classical texts to respond to political problems. She is one of the founders of Eos (eosaficana.org), a scholarly society dedicated to Africana receptions of ancient Greece and Rome and to fostering long-term anti-racist change in Classics. Through the Discovery program, she teaches students from across UNH. She has served on the Faculty Senate since 2018

Vidya Sundar is an associate professor of occupational therapy (OT) at the University of New Hampshire. She received her undergraduate degree in occupational therapy from Dr. MGR Medical University, India, and her PhD in Rehabilitation Science from University of Buffalo. At UNH, Dr. Sundar teaches inter-disciplinary coursework related to inclusive workplace practices, worker rehabilitation, and research methods and statistics. She was the recipient of the CHHS Outstanding New Investigator Award in 2018 and the Excellence in Collaboration Award in 2017. Dr. Sundar has over 13 years’ experience in conducting disability and employment research. Her current scholarship focuses on intervention programs for career development and advancement of individuals with disabilities. Her research has been funded by federal agencies and private foundations such as the Administration on Community Living, Administration on Aging, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, Social Security Administration, and Kessler Foundation. Dr. Sundar has served in several departmental and college committees at UNH and is a member of the faculty senate since 2019.