

**Wayne State University Academic Senate  
Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee  
Proceedings from the Wednesday Feb 17, 2021 via Zoom**

**Present:** Timothy Bowman, Melissa Crabtree, Jane Fitzgibbon, Xiaoyan Han, Thomas Killion, Mary Paquette-Abt, Michael Samson, Naida Simon, Jeffrey Withey, Basem Younis,

**Absent:** Leah Celebi, Richard Dogan, Fayette Keys, T.R. Reddy (Raghavendar Thipparthi),

**Guests:** Kurt Kruschinska, Camille Bedford, Daryl Pierson

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am via ZOOM.
2. The Agenda was adopted unanimously
3. The Minutes from January 20 were approved as written.
4. Kurt Kruschinska gave a brief overview on how the new Waitlist process works. Discussing some of the know issues.

The system was piloted in the fall with Library and Information Science and Social Work and then applied in full for Winter 2021

He acknowledged that some students multi-list themselves on all sections for a particular course. This presents a problem if a department is using the wait list as a tool to judge if they need to add additional sections.

A department could set up multiple sections within a course to be wait listed Students are for various reasons, can pick multiple wait lists He noted that technically, there is a way that we can stop it, we can allow a student to only waitlist on to one section, at a time. But we do not want to do that because if a student has registered for a class but it does not fit with their schedule we want to give them the option to pick another. The driver behind this is to give students choice and options.

Being on the waitlist is not going to guarantee a student a spot in the class so that was the hardest part that we had to help students understand this.

At the end of the waitlist period, they run a purge job to end the waitlist so that any students can register for open seats when they come on. For the winter term this was not run until early morning. For fall they hope to have this run soon after midnight.

It was agreed that he will work to provide departments a purified report that shows actual waitlisted students that are no registered or multi-listed so that they can you this in the decision process of adding additional course sections.

5. Daryl Pierson & Camille Bedford from Office of Sustainability

Key points included

They are a new group within Facilities Management.

They are considering ways to improve the amount of recycling.

Pandemic has stopped some of their plan for 2020.

They had conducted a series of assessments and focus groups to see what the overall concerns were.

Pre-pandemic, the university had 1476 tons of waste annually.

Have conducted an education program with custodians

Planning ways to make the recycling program more visible.

- Green Warriors Program
- Composting
- Waste Reduction
- Green Office System (Best practices)

For Fall 2021 there will be two learning communities on sustainability

It was suggested that he should plan on a presentation to the senate to explain all the new elements.

6. The meeting held a general discussion on Post-Pandemic Future of Higher Education.

Issues raised included

- a. Zoom frustration
- b. Difference in undergraduate vs graduate students
- c. In ability to build community
- d. Student reluctance on participating
- e. Faculty fears

7. The meeting ended at 12.44

8. Date of next meeting March 24

Jane Fitzgibbon