

## **All University Committee Convening Meeting**

Monday, September 14, 2026

3:30 p.m.

President's Conference Room – Sanders

### **Committee Members in Attendance:**

Franca Barricelli, Catherine Buell, Rachelle Dermer, Laura Garofoli, Mathangi Krishnamurthy, Pamela McCafferty, Kisha Tracy, Paul Weizer, Mark Williams

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Jonathan Harvey, Jannette McMenamy

### **Guests attending:**

Grant Desmond-Williams, Kate Geyer

*President Hodge called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.*

President Hodge welcomed the All-University Committee. She charged the committee to elect officers.

#### **1. Introductions**

#### **2. Voting of Officers**

##### **Election of Chair:**

Paul Weizer nominated Mark Williams and Catherine Buell for the positions of Co-Chairs. Franca Barricelli seconded the motion.

**Vote: 11/0/0** – Unanimously approved.

*Mark Williams took over conducting the meeting and distributing the meeting schedule of all governance committees for the academic year.*

#### **3. Election of Officers**

With the election of co-chairs, the committee decided not to fill the position of Vice-Chair; it reserved the right to revisit this decision when SGA members are assigned to the committee and present.

##### **Election of Secretary**

Mathangi Krishnamurthy self-nominated; Franca Barricelli seconded.

**Vote: 11/0/0** – Unanimously approved.

#### **4. Assignments for the Convening of Subcommittees**

The co-chair solicited volunteers to convene the AUC subcommittees.

- **Curriculum Committee (10/15):** Kisha Tracy agreed to convene the Curriculum Committee.
- **Student Affairs Committee (10/6):** Laura Garofoli volunteered to convene the Student Affairs Committee.

- **Academic Policy Committee (10/13):** Mathangi Krishnamurthy volunteered to convene the Academic Policy Committee.

**Vote: 11/0/0** – Unanimously approved

## **5. Review of AUC Practices and Procedures for AUC and Standing Committees**

Mark Williams invited committee members to read and make any suggestions for change to the *AUC Practices and Procedures* document, which is reviewed each academic year. Catherine Buell moved that the committee consider adopting Robert's Rules for voting, where abstentions do not count toward the total vote tally. Rachelle Dermer seconded. Under current AUC rules, abstentions function as "no" votes. Committee members discussed the difference, with one member reporting that the current practice was designed to prevent proposals from passing with very few votes if most members abstain.

**Vote: 3/6/0**

## **6. AUC meeting modality**

Kisha Tracy moved that the AUC meet fully in-person this year; Laura Garofoli seconded.

Discussion followed, with some members acknowledging cases of extreme weather or in which accommodation is needed.

**Vote: 11:0:0:** Motion to meet fully in-person passed unanimously.

## **7. Review of AUC Forms**

The committee welcomed Grant Desmond-Williams and Kate Geyer to discuss the possibility of creating a Dynamic Form for AUC proposals. After much discussion about the proposal-approval process, with referrals to AUC subcommittees, friendly amendments and other possible changes along the way, the group concluded that a Dynamic Form will not work for the intended purpose and the entirety of the process. In the end, the group preferred to create one Dynamic Form with a drop-down menu for the multiple Google AUC forms that currently exists for various types of requests; however, the co-chairs recognized that this form will not change the workload on their end to prepare proposals for referral and tracking on the AUC webpage.

**Vote: 11/0/0:** motion passed.

## **Adjournment**

Paul Weizer moved, with a second by Laura Garofoli, to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote: 11/0/0:** motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Franca Barricelli