A&S Senate Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023, 11:30AM - 1:00PM
Library E4315 and Zoom meeting

- Call To Order at 11:30am.

- Acceptance of the Agenda
  The motion to accept the agenda is carried.

- Approval of February 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes
  The approval of the minutes is carried.

- Opening Remarks and Report: K. Lindblom, A&S Senate President
  - Welcomed everyone to the March A&S Senate meeting.
  - We still haven’t heard from the administration in regard to the tweet that was sent out from a personal account by one of our faculty.

- Report from Dean of School of Communication and Journalism, L. Lindenfeld
  o Written report can be viewed here.
  o Reaccredited by ACEJMC.
  o Growth in partnerships with NSF, US State Department.
  o Introduced new Undergraduate & Graduate Degree Programs and other programs in development.
  o Increase in Fall enrollment.
  o Increase in four-year graduation rate.
  o Discussed interdisciplinary opportunities and collaboration with other schools.
  o Discussed some challenges such as capacity and space, and changes in plans.
  o “Journalists on the Frontline” will be held on April 20th.

- Report from Dean of SoMAS, P. Shepson
  o SoMAS is made of three divisions: Marine Sciences, Atmospheric Sciences, and Sustainability.
  o Explained about each division.
Wish to collaborate with other schools. Currently working with Public Health on the east campus.

Our research enterprise and educational programs are growing but our faculty and staff have been decreasing.

We have shrunk and I’m not proud about it, especially that with all challenges we are facing, I will be evaluated by the provost at the end of my five-year tenure.

- **Old Business**
  - Call for nominations for Vice President of the A&S Senate: Still looking for A&S Senate VP candidates/nominations.

- **New Business**
  - Request for approval of new Undergraduate Curriculum Committee charge and revision of the bylaws. Vote: Passed by 96%.

- Announcements – no announcements.

- Adjournment at 1pm.