

Faculty Senate – Academic Affairs Council

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – 2:00 PM

Join from the meeting link

<https://iastate.webex.com/iastate/j.php?MTID=m5430b227856e303156a4b6033e2b6daf>

Note taker: Anita Micich

Members attending:

Absent:

Others attending:

1. Call to Order
 2. Approve Minutes – enclosed
 3. Old Business
 - a. None
 4. New Business
 - a. SP CM Discontinuation
Contact: Department of English (Tom Brumm)
 - b. Emerging Leaders Academy Group Project
Contact: Mark Hargrove: msh@iastate.edu
 5. Committee Reports
 - a. FS Curriculum Committee – Brumm
 - b. Academic Standards – Boylston
 - c. Outcomes Assessment – Hurst
 - d. Student Affairs – Sterle
 - e. Student Government – Roberts
 6. Good of the order
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Next Meeting: April 4th, 2023

I am a member of the current ISU "Emerging Leaders Academy" (ELA) cohort. ELA a training program run by the provost's office. More information about it can be found here: <https://ela.iastate.edu/>

One of the training activities is to work in groups to plan and implement a project on campus that improves some aspect of the university. The group I represent consists of:

Natalia Gray (Business Management)

Patrick Wall (Ag Extension)

Rebecca Runyon (Eng. Admin)

Molly Granseth (Ames Labs Business Analysis)

Melissa Nowell (Vet. Pathology)

Nathaniel Wade (Psych)

Wesley Gee (FPM)

Mark Hargrove (BBMB)

Our group examined the perceived need for "better" mental health resources on campus by interviewing students, faculty, and staff associated with this service, and reviewing reports from the health center, student counseling center, and similar reports from our peer institutions. Our conclusion is that ISU is actually improving access to resources by transitioning to a combination of in-person and online services, but that many students are not yet aware of the services or how to access them. Our idea to improve this service is to add a link to the Canvas menu bar that directs students to mental health resources. The link that we think is most appropriate is a label of "mental health resources" linking to <https://www.cyclonehealth.iastate.edu/>

We discussed this with Provost Wickert when he visited our group on February 10th, and he gave us verbal support at that time. I then communicated with Sara Marcketti at CELT to discuss the process for considering and implementing the change and was directed to the faculty senate to seek approval. I am thus contacting you to seek support.