**Faculty Council**

**Minutes of April 6, 2023 Special Meeting**

1. **Call to Order.** Faculty President Susan Harden called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.
2. **Resolution on the Rights and Duty of Faculty Members to Speak Freely and the Duty of the University to Protect Faculty Speech.** Harden read the resolution aloud. She noted that the Chicago Statement has been adopted by almost 90 institutions. Harden decided to hold the vote via electronic ballot to ensure that every Faculty Council member has an opportunity to vote. Discussion?

Kamia Smith said the feedback she received from here colleagues in the Mechanical Engineering Department was in general in favor. One faculty member did state they preferred if it included faculty, staff, and students, not just faculty.

One Faculty Council member noted that is says, “local, regional, national, and international”, how about adding “State”? Browne answered that he thinks State is not necessary as each describes regions, not governments.

Saule said all feedback he received was in support. Ford-Eickhoff indicated the same with the feedback she received. Saule added that he would support adding staff and students. Harden noted that speech issues are different for faculty than students and staff. Due to the climate around faculty speech, this resolution was tailored to address this.

Saule made a motion to move to a vote on the resolution as written. Ford-Eickhoff seconded the motion. The motion to move to a vote was approved. The electronic ballot was made live and an email to the Faculty Council members with a link to the ballot was sent.

The meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Matthew Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant