**COM Faculty Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 8, 2025**

**Called in:** Dr.’s Taliaferro, Neychev, Andl, Mehta, Zhang, King, Kay, Prins, Chiarelli, Zervos

* Review minutes from last meeting**:** Changes were made to minutes and approved. Minutes will be posted to website.
* FC Leadership would like to empower each department FC representative to ask their department chair for time at their monthly meeting to give updates. The FC president will send out an email to all representative informing them, as part of there role with faculty Council they can schedule meetings with your department faculty to discuss issues/concerns. If there are any issues, the representative can then discuss them with their Chair and/or FC Leadership, who can address them with the Dean in their monthly meeting.
* Faculty Support Committee (previously the Advocate Committee: We discussed this committee and changes to the bylaws.
* Next month’s meeting we will review the bylaws so they can be sent out for a final vote.
* Senate meeting updates: The email looking for new senate seats went out to everyone. There is a short window to vote. Five senator seats need to be replaced. To cut down on the need to replace five senators each term we would like to propose this year to have a staggered term. This would mean that units would have their senator do a one-year term, this would allow for a staggered term going forward.