

## **Joint Committee on Student Interests (JCoSI)**

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Faculty Senate Annual Report  
2023-2024 Academic Year

### **I. Executive Summary**

- The committee focused on the review of governance, which included the review of section 150.03 in the College Handbook that pertained to JCoSI. This included two meetings in the fall semester. Additionally, a portion of our committee met in the spring to review scholarships, with the help of Kathy Lawrence.
- On the faculty side of things, next year Jeff Radloff will co-chair, I will be the representative to SGA, Amanda Sharpsteen and Miriam Barcus will continue as members.

### **II. Major Activities/Accomplishments/Significant Changes**

- The full committee met multiple times in Fall 2023 to discuss the review of governance and reviewing our section of 150.03 in the College Handbook.
- Jeff Radloff won an award from SGA thanks to his work as Faculty Senate Representative.
- The remainder of faculty members of JCoSI (plus Kathy) reviewed applications for the Faculty Senate and Faculty Memorial Scholarships during the Spring 2024 semester.

### **III. Areas of Difficulty/Resistance**

- We had a late start this year in terms of having a finalized slate of members, which did not occur until partway through the Fall semester due to a contested seat and ballots taking a while to go out. Thus, finding a common time to meet was difficult as schedules become full early in the semester. It was also challenging to engage with most student members appointed to JCoSI for the work of this committee. This should not be a problem this year, as we already have a full slate of faculty members on the committee. We also have worked with the incoming SGA co-chair this year to identify times she can meet, and she will appoint two other student members according to the time that we set.

### **IV. Membership**

- Members participated in the following duties:
  - i. Jeff Radloff was an excellent representative to the SGA for the entire year. He also attended all meetings and provided feedback on our section of 150.03 for the review of governance. He will be stepping up as co-chair for the 2024-2025 academic year.
  - ii. Amanda Sharpsteen reviewed scholarship applications for Spring semester, attended all meetings, and provided feedback on our section of 150.03 for the review of governance.
  - iii. Miriam Barcus attended all Fall meetings and provided feedback on our section of 150.03 for the review of governance. Miriam went on family

leave before the beginning of Spring 2024 and could not fulfill her duties for scholarship review; Kathy Lawrence reviewed scholarships in Miriam's stead (thank you, Kathy!).

- Student Members:
  - i. SGA members included Patrick Kiernan, Parker Arenas, and Joe Mascetta (co-chair). Parker was the student member who attended every meeting.

**V. Issues/Concerns for the Next Academic Year**

- With a new SGA administration coming in, it is hard to anticipate what direction the SGA will be focusing on. That said, I believe that we already have a stronger rapport with the incoming SGA president, Khyla Diggs, which is helpful.