

Open Forum Meeting Notes

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Google Meet

Attendees: 43

Meeting Agenda:

1. Review of Senate Council Resolution
2. Discussion of Faculty Responses to the Board of Trustees Actions
3. Adjournment of Open Forum

Action Items:

1. Members of the Senate Council presented a resolution expressing their concerns about proposed changes to the University Senate by the Board of Trustees.
2. The faculty expressed concern that the changes would undermine their role in shared governance and threaten the effectiveness of the Senate in ensuring academic standards and educational quality.
3. The meeting was adjourned.

Summary

The AAUP Open Forum on the Senate Resolution meeting was held on February 29, 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Senate Council Resolution and faculty responses to the Board of Trustees' actions in CR1. A Senate Council member presented information about the Senate Council Resolution, which was passed in response to the BoTs actions following a presentation by the President's workgroup 5 on shared governance, and emphasized the importance of collaboration between the president and the university senate in educational policy formulation. The attendees were disappointed by the lack of hard data on the efficiency of the Senate in the workgroup 5 report. The resolution expressed concern that the proposed changes would undermine the faculty's role in shared governance and threaten the effectiveness of the Senate in ensuring academic standards and educational quality. The forum also conducted a poll of attendee support for the Senate Council's resolution, and support was nearly unanimous. The attendees discussed faculty responses to the Board of Trustees' actions. The meeting concluded with a reminder that paid-up AAUP members in the last 12 months or less are potential voters for the AAUP meeting. The forum then adjourned, followed by a meeting of the current members of the UK chapter of AAUP.