

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday May 7, 2018

3:30 - 5:00 CH 126

Senators Present: Ahmed, Anderson, Babnich, Bailey, Bray, Bukonda, Carlson, Castro, Celestin, Clawson, Cramer, Decker, Dehner, Dusenberry, English, Hakansson, Hill, Hull, Jarman, Lockard, Markova, Moody, Moore-Jensan, Price, Pulaski, Rife, Rokosz, Ross, Schwartz, Shaw, Small, Smith, Smith-Campbell, Sternfeld-Dunn, Tamtam, Walker, Weheba, Willis, Zewde

Excused: K. Johnson, N. Keene Woods

Summary of Action

- Officers were elected for the 2018-19 academic year.
- Voted to approve changes proposed by the University Admissions and Exceptions Committee. These changes included to strike “admissions” from the title of the committee—passed with 2 opposed 1 abstention.
- Approved a move to support the President’s proposal to establish an “Innovation Advisory Council.”

I. Meeting called to Order at 3:31

II. Informal Statements and Proposals

- Senator Ross stated that he has enjoyed his 16 years on the senate and wishes the senate the best in the future.
- Scheduling final exams outside of the scheduled timeslots is disruptive and should be avoided. It is unclear if there is an official school policy that requires finals be given at scheduled time. Don’t put final at a time that overlaps with other classes.

III. Approval of the Minutes - April 23, 2018

IV. President's Announcements

- Kansas Legislative Update – budget is being restored to 62% of previous rescission from 2017. The requested tuition increase has still not been approved by KBOR.
- Campus traffic study - Campus study is done, draft report is being prepared.
- Senate Year End Report
- First year seminar information session to be held on Tuesday, May 15 in RSC 265 from 11 to noon.
- Summer funds are available for FYS development - \$1500 per course and they are looking for 10 courses to be developed.

- A large monitor has been approved for the faculty senate meeting room in Morrison Hall.
- Student conduct and community standards position is being filled with upcoming meetings from the current candidates. See WSU today.
- Discussed faculty senate year-end report which is available on the Senate web page. Topics included visitors who spoke to senate, topics taken up by senate and actions taken.

V. **Year-End Committee Reports** – reports are available at the senate web site.

- **Approved requested changes from the gen ed committee**
- University Admissions and Exceptions Committee requested changes to committee charge to reflect the practice that admissions exceptions are currently being handled by the admissions office. **Vote to approve these changes which included to strike “admissions” from the title of the committee and accept changes – passed with 2 opposed 1 abstention.**
- Undergraduate research committee – expresses importance of funding for the URCAF, given the importance of UR. The interim provost has agreed to provide annual funding for this event.
- Scholarship and financial aid committee – changes to committee charges need to be considered for next year. Much of the technical work is now done by Financial Aid Office, due to changes in federal regulations.

VI. **Old Business**

VII. **New Business**

- New initiative: President's Innovation Advisory Council – proposal from office of academic affairs to establish an Innovation Advisory Council. The initial council has formed and developed ideas after a trip to the Brookings Institute. Proposal is that half the council will be faculty and the other half composed of college deans, staff and students. After reviewing the proposal, there were positive comments from the senate reflecting a view that this is an important initiative. **A move to express senate support for this proposal was approved unanimously.**
- Thanks to executive committee members.

VIII. **Attendance**

IX. **As May Arise.**

- Incoming president Betty Smith Campbell presented outgoing president Carolyn Shaw with a gift from the executive committee.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:05 and gavel was passed to the new president, Betty Smith Campbell.

- I. President Smith Campbell re-convened the meeting and issued a new call to order at 4:07.
- II. President's statement
 - Thanked outgoing senators
 - Summarized her goal to facilitate the ongoing efforts of the senate and to support the general faculty.
- III. New Business
 - Election of Officers
 - Jeff Jarman elected President-Elect
 - Gergana Markova elected Vice President.
 - Doug English elected secretary
 - At-Large senators were elected Whitney Bailey and Perlekar Tamtam
 - President Smith-Campbell appointed Jeff Pulaski as an At-Large Senator on the Exc. Committee.
 - Election of Ombudsperson-Carolyn Shaw elected to ombudsperson – term to expire in 2021.
- IV. Meeting adjourned after completion of votes at 4:19.