

Faculty Senate
Minutes*
October 10, 2012
3:00 p.m.
Classroom Building 118

*corrected per Faculty Senate meeting on October 24, 2012

I. Call to order

Sen. Dixon called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Attending:

Dan Althoff	Brett Elliott	John Mischo	Hallie Stephens
Martin Bressler	Steven Emge	Chris Moretti	Jerry Stout
Kay Daigle	William Fridley	Halet Poovey*	Jacob Wallace
Diane Dixon	Alistair Maer	Rhonda Richards	Susan Webb

Not attending:

Dennis Brewster	Kathleen Hardgrove	Lawrence Silver
Riley Coker	George Jacox	
Deborah Combs	Michael Reed	

II. Approval of September 19, 2012 Minutes

Sen. Webb moved to approve the Minutes.

Sen. Stout seconded the motion.

Discussion: An error reported on page 2: Change “Post-Tenure Review” to “Promotion and Tenure”
 The Minutes were approved with corrections.

III. Committee reports

A. Executive Committee

1. Chair of Social Sciences

Sen. Dixon reported that, at the last meeting of the Executive Committee with Vice President McMillan, the Executive Committee had given a suggested timeline to Dr. McMillan for responding to the issue of having Dean Lucretia Scoufos serve as interim chair of the Department of Social Sciences. VP McMillan met with the faculty of that Department, and there are no new developments to report. The Executive Committee has a meeting scheduled with VP McMillan this Friday, October 12.

Sen. Fridley stated that AAUP voted to send a letter sharing the chapter’s concerns with having a Dean serve as interim chair, using AAUP policy as its rationale and basis for objection.

Sen. Maer from the Department of Social Sciences said that VP McMillan implied there would be a faculty interim chair, and that the process for placing a faculty interim chair would occur at the beginning of next year (January). The process for finding a permanent chair would begin at the start of the next academic year, Fall 2013.

B. Budget Committee

The Budget Committee has not met. Sen. Dixon said that a meeting of the Budget Committee needs to be called. Sen. Elliott agreed to call a meeting of the Budget Committee, with it being understood that he is not the chair of the Committee.

C. Committee on Committees

Sen. Wallace reported that Nancy Hill has been nominated to serve on the Institutional Assessment Committee.

Sen. Poovey moved to approve the nomination.

Sen. Emge seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the nomination carried unanimously.

D. Personnel Policies Committee

Sen. Fridley reported that the Personnel Policies Committee has not met yet, but the first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17.

At the last Faculty Senate meeting (September 19, 2012), Sen. Fridley presented two documents for consideration, viz., "[Recent Background on a Post-Tenure Review Policy Draft](#)" and "[Faculty Senate Draft Post-Tenure Review Policy](#)."

Sen. Fridley moved that the Policy be approved.

Sen. Elliott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Sen. Dixon moved to amend the Policy to include a second appeals process.

Sen. Maer seconded Sen. Dixon's move to amend the Policy.

The motion to amend the Policy to include a second appeals process passed unanimously.

Sen. Fridley moved to amend the Policy to include five (5), rather than three (3), faculty members on the post-tenure review panel (Section 1.2 of the Policy).

Sen. Elliott seconded the motion.

The motion to amend the Policy to include five (5) faculty members on the post-tenure review panel passed unanimously.

Sen. Moretti moved to strike the last sentence of Section 1.2.1 of the Policy ("The discussion will include constructive suggestions for improvement and development, and, specific recommendations and arrangements for institutional resources to support the faculty member's improvement and development.").

Sen. Fridley seconded the motion.

The motion was passed: 14 senators in favor, 1 opposed.

Sen. Fridley moved to include the following statement on page 8 of the draft Policy as a new section 1.5: "The post-tenure review process will be subject to periodic and ongoing review. The administration will provide the faculty senate—when requested—with data on the results and workings of the post-tenure review process."

Sen. Althoff seconded the motion.

The motion was passed: 14 senators in favor, 1 opposed.

The motion to approve the [draft Policy](#) was passed: 14 in favor, 1 abstention.

Sen. Elliott moved that a copy of the Policy be sent to the campus AAUP chapter for its approval prior to its being sent to Vice President McMillan and the Assistant Vice President for Student Learning and Assessment (AAVP-SLA).

Sen. Fridley seconded the motion.

The motion was passed: 12 senators in favor, 3 opposed.

E. Planning Committee

No report.

F. University Affairs Committee

No report.

IV. Old Business**A. Shared Governance Policy**

Sen. Dixon: Changes are to be made to the numbering system of the Statement on Shared Governance.

B. Shared Governance Forum

Sen. Dixon: The next Shared Governance Forum will be held on Wednesday, November 28, from 2:00-4:00. There was only one comment **form*** returned after the last Forum, but there were approximately 70 surveys returned to Faculty Senate in the spring of 2011.

C. Pending Policy Recommendations

Sen. Dixon distributed a summary list of policy recommendations approved by the Faculty Senate. Some recommendations have been adopted in official policy; others have not. Some recommendations are pending a response from as long ago as 2008.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Althoff

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Recorder