

**Faculty Senate**  
**Minutes\***  
**Wednesday, October 23, 2013**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Classroom Building 118**

*\*Corrected at Faculty Senate Meeting, November 6, 2013*

**I. Call to order**

Sen. Moretti called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m.

**Attending:**

Daniel Althoff	Layne Heitz
Dennis Brewster	Alistair Maer
Riley Coker	Christopher Moretti
Kay Daigle*	Hal Poovey
Diane Dixon	Krista Ramirez
Tristan Eggener	Rhonda Richards
Brett Elliott	Jerry Stout
Steven Emge	Jacob Wallace
William Fridley	

**Not attending:**

Martin Bressler  
 Han-sheng Chen  
 Blythe Duell  
 Jennifer Hicks  
 George Jacox  
 John Mischo  
 Robert Stevens

**Guests:**

Bryon Clark  
 Jerry Polson

**II. Approval of minutes from the meeting on October 9, 2013**

Sen. Dixon moved that minutes be approved.

Sen. Fridley seconded the motion.

The Motion was approved (14 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.)

**III. Committee Reports**

**A. Executive Committee:** Sen. Moretti reported that the Executive Committee is scheduled to meet twice with the President: once in November, and again in December. There is also a meeting scheduled with VP McMillan in November regarding the Post-Tenure Review. Sen. Moretti also reminded the Senate of the next Shared Governance Forum on Tuesday, November 12.

**B. Committee on Committees:** Sen. Wallace reported that the Committee on Committees has proposed nominations for two vacancies. The first nomination is for Deana Williams to serve on the Institutional Assessment Committee (IAC). The second nomination is for Stan Alluisi to serve on the Faculty Grievance Committee.

Sen. Dixon moved that the two nominations be approved.

Sen. Coker seconded the motion.

The Motion was approved (14 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions).

- C. Planning Committee:** Sen. Coker reported that the Planning Committee had reviewed all the charges from the Senate. The committee decided to complete the charge of contacting academic departments after the HLC visit. Sen. Coker also announced a change to the process in selecting Professor of the Year, in which there is a weighted value in nominations. The weighted value in nominations will help eliminate the need for tie-breakers. Other announcements concerned automatic notifications and verifications by email for nominations and votes cast. A request was made for the Planning Committee to submit the details of the changes in writing at the next Senate meeting.
- D. Personnel Policies Committee:** Sen. Fridley reported that the PPC will meet next week.
- E. Budget Committee:** Sen. Dixon is the chair of the committee. The committee will be looking at salaries and locating budget data.
- F. University Affairs Committee:** Sen. Stout reported the UAC met last Wednesday. Sens. Stout and Heitz will be following up on the issue of campus and building addresses. Also discussed were the Brown Bag lunches with a change from lunch to 1:00-2:00. The topics for the Brown Bag lunches are open. One possibility for topic is: in light of the attention drawn by “DFW” students, what are faculty doing to challenge “ABC” learners? The UAC will be contacting other RUSO institutions.

#### IV. Presentation on the Mission Statement – Jerry Polson and Rhonda Richards

Dr. Bryon Clark presented historical information on the development of the current University Mission Statement, including a list of the individuals who comprised the development group for the Mission Statement. Other supporting documents presented were printouts of the results of the SurveyMonkey survey from late 2012 and Minutes from 2012-2013 of the HLC Criterion 1-Mission committee. Dr. Clark stressed that one criterion for accreditation is the degree to which the Mission Statement is appropriate to the institution.

#### V. Old Business

##### A. Tabled resolution – endorsement/support of the mission statement

Sen. Maeer moved that the Motion tabled at the previous Faculty Senate Meeting be untabled.  
Sen. Daigle seconded the Motion.

Text of the tabled motion:

*That the Faculty Senate vote to approve a resolution in support of the current University Mission Statement.*

Friendly amendment to the tabled motion:

*And we look forward to working with the Administration on any revisions.*

The Motion to untable the Motion was approved (17 in favor – none opposed – no abstentions).

Sen. Stout then moved that the untabled Motion be approved.

Sen. Maeer seconded the Motion.

The Motion was approved (17 in favor – none opposed – no abstentions).

Dr. Clark also offered a “home” for plaques for faculty recognition, since the originally anticipated location of the Library is not currently available.

**B. Informational items from last meeting (Blackboard fees/courses, salary survey).**

Sen. Moretti reported that Ellen Hendrix indicates 585 courses out of approximately 1400 courses use Blackboard. Department chairs are still submitting lists of courses that should not have Blackboard fees attached. Future Blackboard fees will be rolled into a technology fee.

Sen. Brewster raised a question of how many items remain on the Faculty Senate “to do” list?

**VI. New Business****Next forum date – November 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Sen. Moretti indicated we need to decide upon a topic for the next forum. Sen. Poovey was interested in exploring the morale issue by breaking it down by specific incidents, large scale policy violations in one particular School that damaged morale across the University.

Another issue raised was that of adjuncts and the multitude of issues that relate to them.

Sen. Wallace moved that our topic at the Shared Governance Forum be related to adjunct issues.

Sen. Elliott seconded the Motion.

The Motion was approved (9 in favor – none opposed – 3 abstentions).

**VII. Adjournment****The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel Althoff*

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Recorder