

Faculty Senate
Minutes
Wednesday, April 13, 2016
3:00 p.m.
General Classroom Building 118

**As amended and approved at the April 20 meeting of the Senate*

I. Call to order and Welcome

(In the absence of Sen. Blackwood, the Faculty Senate's Recorder, Sen. Althoff volunteered to take minutes.)

Faculty Senate Chair Emge called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., noting that this meeting is historic in being the first specially called meeting of the Faculty Senate in memory.

Attending:

Daniel Althoff	Tom Harvey
Martin Bressler	George Jacox
Han-Sheng Chen	Brad Ludrick
Randy Clark	Christopher Moretti
Kay Daigle	Krista Ramírez
Diane Dixon	
Blythe Duell	
Steven Emge	
William Fridley	

Not attending:

Jeremy Blackwood
 Riley Coker
 Hal Poovey
 Patrick Schoettmer

Guests:

Carolyn Fridley
 Karl Frinkle
 Stewart Mayer
 Elizabeth Knight
 Erin Cooper
 Alistair Maer
 Charles Matthews

II. Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2016

Sen. Fridley moved to accept the Minutes as submitted.

Sen. Daigle seconded the motion.

The Motion to approve the Minutes passed: 8 votes in favor; none opposed; 2 abstentions.

***As a point of information, Chair Emge reported that Tim Boatmun will be present at the Faculty Senate meeting on April 27 to discuss the university's Orientation (ORIE) program.**

III. Administrative/Academic Reorganization Proposal

a. [Final proposed version](#)

Sen. Daigle moved to accept the Proposal.

Sen. Harvey seconded the motion.

Lengthy and wide-ranging discussion of the Proposal ensued:

- Sen. Bressler expressed concern at experimentation during a financial crisis and indicated the AACSB accrediting body for the JMSB would have difficulty with the proposal.
 - Question and answer exchanges between Dr. Frinkle and Sen. Dixon with Sen. Bressler clarified that the AACSB requires a “point person” who is an administrator, not a faculty member.
 - Dr. Maeer expressed interest regarding the eventual outcome of departmental reorganization, with potentially 20-25 faculty members represented by one person.
 - Chair Emge noted that the Proposal posits reorganization.
 - Sen. Harvey noted that the Transition Team would be just “organizers,” and would not supplant administrators; the reorganization would be akin to zero-based budgeting.
 - Chair Emge and Sen. Dixon both questioned the need for a Transition Team.
 - Mrs. Fridley wondered if the Senate and departments would be authorized or empowered to make decisions if there were no Transition Team.
 - Sen. Fridley noted that the Proposal gives the President a voice by allowing him to name faculty members to the Transition Team. The Transition Team would then report directly to the President.
- *At 3:45 p.m., Chair Emge had to leave the meeting. Chair-Elect Althoff stepped in to preside at the request of Chair Emge.**

Discussion continued. A friendly amendment was offered to the proposal by Senator Daigle to eliminate rhetorical flourishes (e.g. “Lord forbid”) and seconded by Senator Dixon. The motion passed.

A motion to Call The Question was made by Senator Moretti, and seconded by Senator Fridley. The motion passed.

The vote to approve the Proposal was five in favor; six against; and two abstentions. The Motion failed.

A motion by Senator Moretti to submit to the President the two proposals that received the greatest attention and discussion by faculty was made: (1) the Proposal discussed at the last [Shared Governance Forum](#); and (2) the [amended Proposal](#) presented by Senator Fridley. The motion was seconded by Senator Fridley and was approved.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.