

**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.