

Faculty Senate (FS) Minutes
Wednesday, March 28, 2018 Meeting #4, Spring Semester
Classroom Building 118, 3:00 pm

As approved at the Faculty Senate meeting of April 11, 2018

Attending:

Stan Alluisi	Rebecca Doyal-Meyer	Brad Ludrick
Daniel Althoff	Blythe Duell	Charles Matthews
Brandon Burnette	Steven Emge	Rhonda Richards
Han-Sheng Chen	William Fridley	Chris Moretti
F.R. Clark	Karl Frinkle	Michael Scheuerman
Diane Dixon		

Not Attending:

Kathy Boothe, Kay Daigle, Kathy McDonald, Crystal Moore, Josh Nannestad

Guests:

Carolyn Fridley

I. Call to Order and Welcome by Chair Althoff at 3:02 pm

II. Approval of [Minutes of Meeting, March 14, 2018](#). Senator Ludrick moved to approve. Sen. Burnette seconded. Discussion: add the description of the compulsory training “on changes to our Civil Rights and Title IX Policy” (IV. Old Business, A.). Vote: Yes = 13, No = 2, Abstentions = 0.

III. Faculty Senate Committee Reports

A. University Affairs: Did not have a report.

B. Planning Committee: Sen. Dixon discussed a proposed narrative account of the [Faculty Senate Awards Policy](#). This is a narrative account of the awards policy that was approved—in outline form—by the Faculty Senate on [November 30, 2016](#), with the following additions (in bold print):

In late March the faculty from each school vote on the top 5 nominees for their school. Faculty vote for 1st and 2nd choice for each category. **Awardees are determined by the highest number of 1st choice votes. (Exception: alternative awardee is determined by second highest number of 1st choice received if the original awardee is the recipient of the Professor of the Year). Ties will be broken by the number of 2nd choice votes.**

The Planning Committee determines the nominees for Professor of the Year. **The faculty are eligible if they have been nominated in all three individual categories for their school and have at least one vote in each individual category (Teaching, Scholarship and Service).** One nominee may be selected each of the four schools: JMSB, EBS, A&S (Arts & Letters), A&S (Science & Technology). Nominees are determined by the highest overall total number of votes in all three

categories voted by the faculty from each school. Ties are broken using the number of faculty at large votes. In early April the Faculty Senate will then vote for 1st and 2nd choice from the nominees by secret ballot. **The awardee is determined by the highest number of 1st choice votes. Ties are broken using the number of 2nd choice votes.** The awardee for the Professor of the Year becomes ineligible for any individual award.

Sen. Dixon made a motion to accept the narrative version of the Awards Policy, with the above cited additions, for posting on the FS website. Sen Ludrick seconded. Vote: Yes = 13, No = 2, Abstentions = 1. Motion carries.

Additional discussion about the awards process included: how to handle a scenario where someone qualifies as a Professor of the Year candidate (receiving nominations and at least 1 vote in each of the three categories) fails to make it to the second round of voting. Do we need to award the Professor of the Year? It was agreed that we don't. Discussion continued on the Professor of the Year and the equitable distribution of the monetary awards to adjuncts and librarians. There was also discussion of how best to choose a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. There were questions about whether the multiple "layers" of the voting process is creating a problem. Many of the nominees for the *teaching award* received only one or two votes in the first round. In some cases, this resulted in a determination that fewer than five faculty could be identified as "having the most votes" in that category, for that school. It was agreed that the Planning Committee will study these issues and make recommendations for next year's process.

C. Personnel Policies Committee (PPC): Sen. Fridley reported that the PPC did not meet.

C. Executive Committee (EC): Chair Althoff reported on the March 26 meeting of the EC and President Burrage. A FS statement of support for Oklahoma teachers and support staff had been reviewed by the President and by Director of University Communications, Alan Burton. They had no problems with the statement. The President provided the EC with an update on the enrollment and financial status of the University: the numbers for enrollment and cash reserves are both qualified as "good." The President expects to receive the RUSO allocations for the next year in May; the Administration will then submit the university budget to RUSO in June.

Chair Althoff reported that eleven people attended the Shared Governance Forum on March 29. The topic, chosen by the Administration, was The Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Attendance was down, due partially to a scheduling conflict with a mandatory training session on changes in our Civil Rights and Title IX Policies. At the forum, VPAA Bryon Clark described the HLC accreditation process, emphasizing "Quality Initiatives." Clark welcomed the FS to discuss and to share ideas about quality initiatives, and he encouraged faculty to consider serving as HLC examiners. Chair Althoff noted that the next EC meeting is scheduled for April 17, and the EC will meet with President Burrage on April 18.

E. Committee on Committees (CoC): Sen. Ludrick reported that the CoC did not meet.

F. Budget Committee: Senator Daigle was absent and there was no report.

IV. Old Business

- A. Topics for the second Shared Governance Forum (SGF) on 4/30/18 starting @ 3pm in R300 were discussed. Potential topics were discussed to include Lack of Depth in Staffing at all levels; the policy on new faculty hiring; and the status and pay of part-time/adjunct faculty. After discussion Sen. Clark made a motion to make “Revisiting the Budget Process” as the topic for the second Shared Governance Forum of the semester. Sen. Fridley 2nd. Vote: Yes: 11, no 3, abs. 2. Motion carries.

- B. Chair Althoff noted that the Executive Committee and the Personnel Policies Committee would be meeting with Dr. Clark regarding the proposed Intellectual Property policy and refining or detaching the section on viewing online instructors’ materials. The date is still in flux.

V. New Business

There was no new business

VI. Adjournment Motion by Senator Clark, Dixon 2nd, Vote: Unanimous yes. Motion carries

Minutes respectfully submitted by Senator Stan Alluisi, with assistance from Senator William Fridley