

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**  
**3:00 PM: General Classroom Building 118**  
*Hyperlinks to supporting documents are included*  
*As approved at the Faculty Senate Meeting of Feb. 3, 2016*

**I. Call to Order and Welcome** – Faculty Senate Chair Steven Emge called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

a. Attending:

Daniel Althoff	Blythe Duell	Layne Heitz	Hal Poovey
Martin Bressler	Diane Dixon	George Jacox	Krista Ramirez
Randy Clark	Steven Emge	Brad Ludrick	Patrick Schoettmer
Han-Sheng Chen	William Fridley	Chris Moretti	Kay Daigle
Riley Coker	Tom Harvey	Jeremy Blackwood	

b. Not Attending

c. Guests – Carolyn Fridley, Dr. Lisa Coleman, Dr. Dennis Brewster

**II. Approval of the minutes from December 2, 2015**

- a. Sen. Bressler moved to accept the minutes, Sen. Ludrick seconded. The motion passed 15 in favor - 0 opposed - 0 abstentions. Sen. Fridley mentioned that one sentence from the minutes needed to be corrected with a change in wording and Sen. Coker mentioned that Sen. Ludrick's name was misspelled. These were both corrected.

**Chair Emge made a motion to add the proposed dates for the faculty senate spring 2016 meeting schedule to the agenda. Sen Bressler seconded.**

Schedule is as follows: Feb 3, 17, March 9, 23, April 6, 20, 27. Chair Emge asked for clarification on the necessity to meet on April 27, if it proves unnecessary to meet due to a lack of business. Sen. Poovey reminded the senate that it would be necessary to meet once meeting dates were approved. It was determined, therefore, that the above schedule would stand. The motion passed 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

**III. Committee Reports**

a. **Executive Committee**

- i. Presidential Advisory Committees – Chair Emge informed the senate that a [proposal from President Burrage](#) about the continuation of PAC committees had been sent out earlier in the week. The Executive Committee provided [several suggestions](#) to the President concerning this proposal. A final proposal will be sent from the President's Office. Sen. Dixon asked if the PAC committees were going to be part of faculty senate oversight. Sen. Fridley and Chair Emge suggested that they would be part of the

committees on committees' charges, and the joint committee project with the Committee on Committees and Personnel Policies committee would address the entire committee structure as currently listed in the APPM (See III e. below)

- ii. **Post-tenure Review Policy and Implementation date** – The PTR policy has been approved and was implemented as of January 1, 2016. Chair Emge informed the senate that Vice-President McMillan received word from Charlie Babb that all written documentation from the annual reviews should be included in the portfolios.
- b. **University Affairs** – Sen. Bressler reported that the Scholarly Brown Bag Lunch will continue this semester and has some speakers already lined up to speak. Additional speakers are needed and he encouraged the senators to let him know if they had an idea for a presentation. The first University affairs committee meeting will be held the following week.
- c. **Committee on Committees** – Did not meet
- d. **Planning Committee** – Sen. Coker mentioned that the website for faculty senate nominations has been updated and will go online Friday. Faculty will have three weeks to nominate faculty for the awards. She reported that the test run from the previous week was a great success.
- e. **Personnel Policy Committee** – A joint committee project between Personnel Policies and Committee on Committees to improve the committee structure listed in the APPM has been formed. Sen. Fridley said the process will perhaps take an entire semester but the work is going quite well. Documents have already been sent out to the members of those committees for review. First meeting of the joint committees will be Wednesday, January 27, 2016.
- f. **Budget Committee** – Did not meet

#### **IV. Old Business**

- a. None

#### **V. New Business**

- a. Forum on Shared Governance for Spring 2016
  - i. Forum #1 – February 23 (Our Topic) (Tuesday) from 3-4 PM
  - ii. Forum #2 – April 4 (Monday) from 2-3 PM
  - iii. Topic – Several topics for the February 23 forum were discussed. The first was the budget recommendations that were made to the president from the PAC budget committee. There was a lengthy discussion about what information should or should not be shared with the entire faculty.

Sen. Bressler suggested current enrollment and recruiting details would make an appropriate topic. Additionally, what is the Presidents vision to change the trajectory of declining enrollment? What are we doing to change this and why is it happening. Is this also happening in other sister institutions? Sen. Ludrick asked about partnerships with allied health through the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations. Sen. Clark asked about the marketing campaign we are currently going. Sen. Schoettmer asked about our current relationship with state legislators with open carry and with the one cent sales tax for education. Sen. Harvey asked about a shift to online classes. Chair Emge asked for each senator to send him the specific questions they were interested in so that a forum topic can be formed from the questions asked during the discussion.

Sen. Fridley made the motion that Chair Emge request from the president the full PAC reports, including all the written reports of the presidential advisory committees from Fall 2015 semester for the faculty senate. These reports will then be uploaded to the faculty senate website with a password protected link. Sen. Harvey seconded. The motion was defeated 7 in favor 9 opposed 0 abstentions.

b. Survey Due Dates – When should the deadline be? Further discussion was tabled due to time constraints.

c. Syllabi Statements – This topic was tabled due to time constraints.

**VI. Adjournment: Sen. Schoettmer moved the senate adjourn. Sen. Poovey seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Layne Heitz, faculty senate recorder