

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, February 17, 2016
3:00 PM: General Classroom Building 118
Hyperlinks to supporting documents are included

I. Call to Order and Welcome – Faculty Senate Chair Steven Emge called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

a. Attending:

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

b. Not Attending

Martin Bressler
Han-Sheng Chen

c. Guests – Carolyn Fridley, Dr. Dennis Brewster

II. Approval of the minutes from January 20, 2016

- a. Sen. Dixon moved to accept the minutes, Sen. Ludrick seconded. The motion passed 14 in favor - 0 opposed - 0 abstentions. Sen. Fridley pointed out that a hyperlink was missing.

IV. Committee Reports

a. **Executive Committee**

- i. The executive committee met with President Burrage on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. The academic partnership relating to Southeastern's MBA was discussed. Tim Boatman attended the meeting and shared details about the partnership including benefits for Southeastern and program assessment details. The Academic Partnership will begin in March and will only effect the MBA. No expansion to other departments is being considered at this time. Additional details are in the minutes of that meeting. Administration restructuring was also discussed. Restructuring scenarios will be presented at the next Faculty Senate meeting by Bryan Clark and VP McMillian for our consideration. The next Faculty Senate meeting will take place on March 9, 2016, 3:00 pm in CB 114. The New Southeastern logo was also discussed. President Burrage mentioned that the specifics of the logo were still being developed.
- b. **University Affairs** – Met on Tuesday, February 9 to discuss the Scholarly Brown Bag Lunches for the spring semester. The first lunch will take place on Tuesday Feb 23, at 12:30 in Russell 116. Dr. Crystal Jenson will present "Using Google Apps for Education".
- c. **Committee on Committees** – Did not meet

- d. **Planning Committee** – Sen Coker informed the senate that nominations are now closed and nominated faculty will be notified soon. Voting will take place after Spring Break.
- e. **Personnel Policy Committee** – Sen. Fridley informed the senate that work on the APPM committee structure continues and is going very good.
- f. **Budget Committee** – Sen Daigle informed the senate that all members of the Faculty Senate budget committee are now members of the Presidential advisory budget committee.

V. Old Business

- a. Sen. Fridley gave an update on the Joint committee project between Personnel Policies Committee and Committee on Committees to update and streamline the committee structure as listed in the APPM. The joint committee met on Feb 10 and continued to make great progress. The next meeting of this joint committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2016.
- b. Forum on Shared Governance: “Back to the Future” A New Southeastern.
 - i. An outline of topic points (created by the Executive Committee) and a “background” document (created by Senator Fridley) were presented to the senate prior to the meeting. The documents provided an historical overview of what has been done between various campus entities to foster mutual respect, cooperation, and communication. Chair Emge has constructed a Power Point presentation with this information that he will share with Senators prior to the forum for additional comments and suggestions. Both documents will be sent to all SE faculty prior to the forum and the Power Point will open the forum. It is anticipated that the presentation should last approximately 10 – 15 minutes. Additional points were then discussed and added to the documents to include: how communication between the senate and the faculty has improved, brown-bag lunches to foster greater collegiality, compensation for faculty who fill in for colleagues on a long-term basis, declines in the number of appeals following tenure and promotion of faculty, and more faculty and administrators actively seek out the senate for resolutions/guidance/assistance. Sen. Fridley suggested including a few screen shots from the faculty senate survey to indicate the improvement in the cooperation between administration and faculty and overall morale among the faculty in the Power Point presentation. Chair Emge thanked the senate for their input and made note of the additions. Chair Emge will chair the Forum and have the senate respond to questions presented by the faculty. Faculty input will be solicited with a focus on answering the question, “If you could do one thing to improve our university, what would it be?”
- c. Faculty Senate Survey – Survey will be opened up for the faculty at an earlier date this semester. Perhaps the first week of April.

VI. New Business

- a. Faculty Senate Archivist election needs to be this year. This will be a two year position and will be open for the entire faculty. A notice will be sent out to the faculty the week after Spring break.
- b. Sen. Fridley reminded that senate that the AAUP meeting will take place on March 4-5. March 4 is a round table discussion and will take place in R100. The senate was encouraged to attend this important discussion. Sat March 5 is the AAUP seminar.

VII. Adjournment: Sen. Blackwood moved the senate adjourn. Sen. Schoettmer seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Layne Heitz, faculty senate recorder