

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
3:00 PM: General Classroom Building 118
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As approved at the Faculty Senate Meeting of September 28, 2016

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

a. Attending:

Stan Alluisi	Han-Sheng Chen	Crystal Jensen
Daniel Althoff	Randy Clark	Brad Ludrick
Gleny Beach	Kay Daigle	Charles Matthews
Jeremy Blackwood	Diane Dixon	Stewart Mayers
Martin Bressler	Steven Emge	Chris Moretti
Brandon Burnette	William Fridley	
Mo Chehbouni	Karl Frinkle	

b. Not Attending

Tom Harvey

c. Attending – Guests

Carolyn Fridley

II. Introduction of New Senators

Gleny Beach (Art, Communication and Theatre), Mohammad Chehbouni (Chemistry), Karl Frinkle (Mathematics), and Charles Matthews (Mathematics) were introduced as the newly elected Senators.

III. Approval of the minutes from August 31, 2016

a. Sen. Dixon called for a correction in section IV. b. (Committee on Committees). The heading for section III was corrected to read “Approval of minutes from April 27, 2016” instead of “February 17, 2016”. The minutes recorded “The Committee on Committees made replacements to the university committees vacated by retirees and faculty who obtained a position at another universities.” The corrected statement now reads “The Committee on Committees needs to make replacements to the university committees vacated by retirees and faculty who obtained a position at another university.” Sen. Ludrick moved to accept the minutes, Sen. Blackwood seconded. The motion passed 16 in favor - 0 opposed - 1 abstention.

IV. Selection of Recorder, Treasurer, Parliamentarian

a. Sen. Dixon nominated Sen. Blackwood to serve as Recorder for the Faculty Senate.

b. Sen. Daigle agreed to remain as Treasurer for the Faculty Senate.

c. Sen. Fridley nominated Sen. Randy Clark to serve as Parliamentarian.

V. Treasurer’s Update

Sen. Daigle provided the Senate with the current budget with the allocation of current expenditures.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

i. The Executive Committee will meet with President Burrage on Wednesday, September 21 at 3:00 PM. Members of the Faculty Senate are to notify Senate Chair Emge of the topics that they wish for the Executive Committee to discuss with President Burrage.

ii. A tentative list of the personnel for the Faculty Senate sub-committees and their respective charges were sent to the Senators on Tuesday. Past chairs will call the first meeting for the Senate sub-committees. The sub-committees are to then provide Sen. Fridley, archivist, with minutes from their meeting.

VII. Old Business

a. The Faculty Senate Lounge and faculty email. Sen. Matthews encourages faculty to meet in the Faculty Lounge at 10:30 MWF for informal conversation. A suggestion was made that the Faculty Senate send an email to faculty to encourage them to take advantage of the Faculty Lounge.

b. Tenure & Promotion update. Chair Emge has not heard back from VPAA Bryon Clark concerning the recommendation that was sent from the previous Faculty Senate meeting.

c. Forum on Shared Governance. The date for the first Shared Governance Forum, with topic by the Faculty Senate, will Monday, October 3 at 3:00 PM. The second Shared Governance Forum will be on Tuesday, November 15 at 2:00 PM. The topic will be selected by the Administration. The meetings will be held in Russell 300.

VIII. New Business

a. Forum Topics

i. Forum Topics: Chair Emge suggested topics concerning the Budget Process and/or the Reduction in Force Policy. Sen. Fridley proposed a topic that will focus on the new committee structures that are now in place. This will provide an opportunity for the university committees and councils an opportunity to offer a simple 5-minute snapshot of information from their committees/councils as a means to provide awareness of their charges and tasks to the faculty. These committees are encouraged to provide Sen. Fridley with minutes from their meetings to allow the educational community an opportunity to be kept abreast of their progress on tasks with which they are charged.

Sen. Althoff suggested addressing the needed Reduction in Force Policy. However, several senators decided that it would be best to wait to receive more information from President Burrage and VPAA Bryon Clark and to allow more time for the Senate to work with Administration on this policy before moving forward with this topic.

Sen. Matthews moved for the Senate to accept Sen. Fridley's topic to highlight the current academic structure to allow the university committees and councils to provide information to the faculty. Sen. Bressler, seconded. The motion passed 18 in favor - 0 opposed - 0 abstentions. Chair Emge and Sen. Fridley will work together to invite the committee and councils to the Shared Governance forum.

b. Announcements

i. Chair Emge spoke with Dean Liz McCraw about faculty appointments to the Student Conduct Committee. Chair Emge officially thanked Dean McCraw for working to provide the names of the student representatives for the university committees so quickly. She agreed that it would be easier to provide

those names in the spring semesters. Dean McCraw suggested that a luncheon take place between members of the Student Government Association, Staff Association, and the Faculty Senate for an opportunity to just sit down together and discuss what is “going on” in each group.

ii. Sen. Randy Clark gave a statement of enthusiastic appreciation to the AAUP for the Candidate’s Forum featuring District 21 incumbent State Representative Dustin Roberts and challenger David Northcutt on September 8. He stated that it provided a platform for academic and intellectual excellence for his students.

IX. Adjournment

Sen. Clark motioned to adjourn. Sen. Matthews seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jeremy Blackwood, Faculty Senate Recorder