

Faculty Senate
Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
3:00 p.m.
General Classroom Building 118
**as approved by the Faculty Senate on February 4, 2015*

I. Call to order and Welcome

Faculty Senate Chair Moretti called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Attending:

Daniel Althoff	William Fridley
Dennis Brewster	Tom Harvey
Han-Sheng Chen	Layne Heitz
Randy Clark	Brad Ludrick
Riley Coker	John Mischo
Kay Daigle	Christopher Moretti
Diane Dixon	Hal Poovey
Blythe Duell	Krista Ramírez
Steven Emge	

Not attending:

Jeremy Blackwood
 Martin Bressler

II. Approval of the minutes from the meeting on December 3rd

Sen. Clark moved that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

Sen. Duell seconded the Motion.

The Motion to approve the Minutes passed unanimously (12 votes in favor).

A. Introduction of New Senators

Brad Ludrick (Biological Sciences – A&S)

Randy Clark (Art, Communication, & Theatre – A&S)

Thomas Harvey (Educational Instruction and Leadership – EBS)

Rather than having **FS Chair Moretti** introduce only the three incoming Senators, the Faculty Senate opted to have all members introduce themselves to their fellow Senators.

III. Committee Reports

A. University Affairs Committee: No report.

B. Budget Committee: No report.

C. Personnel Policies Committee: No report.

D. Committee on Committees: Sen. Dixon reported that two vacancies had arisen. The Committee will meet to address them.

E. Planning Committee: No report.

F. Executive Committee: No report.

IV. New Business

- **Update on the post-tenure review draft process**

FS Chair Moretti stated that the Academic Council's voted response of essentially "No" to the Faculty Senate's proposed Post-Tenure Review policy (PTR) is not a sufficient reply for VPAA Douglas McMillan. **Chair Moretti** will attend and speak at the next Academic Council meeting.

Sen. Fridley raised a question concerning the implementation of Faculty Senate motions and votes. **Sen. Fridley** expressed that Faculty Senate motions and votes authorize immediate action. **FS Chair Moretti** indicated that the extent of his authorization to act on motions, etc., depends on the official wording and therefore may need to wait for a written record, such as Faculty Senate Minutes.

Relating to the current state of the proposed Post-Tenure Review policy, **Sen. Fridley** stated he felt troubled by the lack of response from University Counsel/RUSO Board Attorney Charlie Babb and the role of Academic Council in the process of developing a Post-Tenure Review policy. **Sen. Brewster** noted that the charge to develop a PTR policy was given specifically to Faculty Senate by VPAA McMillan and does not depend on Academic Council for their approval. The flowchart delineated in section 3.9 of the Academic Policies & Procedures indicates the source of Committee charges and responsibilities. **Sen. Emge** voiced his strong support for the Faculty Senate position.

- **Feedback on the lunches from finals week**

FS Chair Moretti reported there was positive feedback from the two lunches held for faculty during Finals Week on December 8 and December 10. It was suggested that Faculty Senate consider doing the same for Finals Week of this spring semester.

- **Update on changes to travel policy**

The changes to travel policy were outlined in a series of emails sent to faculty by VP Business Affairs Ross Walkup. The changes authorize amounts up to \$1500 for travel on the P-card, and department secretaries are allowed to charge airfare to the P-card. **Sen. Fridley** recognized this as a positive development and expressed his appreciation to the Finance Office. He stated that the next logical step would be to include lodging in authorized conference hotels for P-card, as well as separating those "local" requirements from those required by the State. **Sen. Fridley** also requested that the announcement authorizing compensation for an instructor substituting for more than week in a colleague's class be included in the next Faculty Senate Brief Report sent to the faculty at large.

V. Old Business: None.

VI. Adjournment: The Faculty Senate adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Altkhoff
Recorder