

Faculty Senate

Minutes*

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

3:00 p.m.

General Classroom Building 118

No supporting documents were submitted at this meeting.

**As approved at the meeting of the Faculty Senate on 4-29-2015*

I. Call to order and Welcome

Faculty Senate Chair Moretti called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Attending:

Daniel Althoff	Tom Harvey
Jeremy Blackwood	Layne Heitz
Dennis Brewster	George Jacox
Han-Sheng Chen	Brad Ludrick
Randy Clark	John Mischo
Kay Daigle	Christopher Moretti
Diane Dixon	Halet Poovey
Steven Emge	Krista Ramírez
William Fridley	

Not attending:

Martin Bressler
Riley Coker
Blythe Duell

Guests:

Amy Madewell
Alistair Maer

II. Approval of the minutes from the meeting on March 25th

Sen. **Blackwood** moved that the Minutes be adopted as submitted.

Sen. **Dixon** seconded the Motion.

The Motion to approve the Minutes as submitted was passed unanimously (12 in favor).

III. Committee Reports

A. Planning Committee

The Faculty Senate Awards process is complete. Sen. **Fridley** suggested that the mechanism for receiving automated email confirmations for submissions be tightened up for next year, as a result of some difficulties he encountered in the electronic submissions/voting process.

B. Executive Committee (Faculty Senate Chair Moretti, reporting)

- **Update on election for Chair-Elect**

The voting window closes on Thursday, April 16th. The results will be announced the following Monday morning.

The Executive Committee will be meeting with President Burrage on Thursday of next week (April 16) from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Chair **Moretti** calls for suggestions to add to the meeting agenda; none are forthcoming from the floor.

The Shared Governance Forum will be held two weeks from today. The annual Faculty Senate Survey is almost ready to go out.

- **Reminder: Academic Vision Project meeting 4/22, 3-5 p.m.**

C. Committee on Committees (Sen. Dixon, reporting)

An email with SurveyMonkey link has been sent to all full-time faculty so that they may indicate committee assignment preferences. There are also two committee vacancies to be filled. The Committee on Committees will meet again before the next Senate meeting.

D. Budget Committee

No report.

E. University Affairs Committee

There were no volunteers to lead the Scholarly Brown Bag Lunch in April, so this month's event has been canceled.

There was no meeting of the committee; no further report.

F. Personnel Policies Committee (Sen. Poovey, reporting)

- **Post tenure review draft**

The committee met and discussed the recommendations made by Academic Council. A key feature of the proposed Post-Tenure Review policy is that is of, by, and for the faculty. Sen. **Fridley** commented that a historical background on the development of the proposed Post-Tenure Review policy is available at the Faculty Senate webpage.

Sen. **Dixon** suggested that additional wording be added to the proposed policy **with regard to the appeals process specified therein, where a simple majority will prevail:**

“A tied vote will be in favor of the faculty member.”

Sen. **Clark** suggested additionally that the bullet points included in the proposed Post-Tenure Review policy be replaced with numbered points.

Faculty Senate Chair **Moretti** moved to adopt the additional wording and to adopt the suggested change in formatting.

Sen. **Dixon** seconded the Motion.

The Motion was approved unanimously (15 votes in favor).

IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

V. New Business

- **Discussion item: Appropriate decorum for commencement exercises – Dan Althoff**

Sen. **Althoff** expressed his frustration and displeasure regarding the frequent use of air horns at commencement exercises. He suggested that the Executive Committee raise the issue informally with the President at their scheduled meeting if possible, recognizing that this item was not submitted in advance to the President.

A reminder came from the floor that an **Archivist** must be elected at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate.

- **Reminder: Senate Committee Year-end Report due at the final Senate meeting on April 29**
- **Senate-sponsored lunches during finals week**

Chair **Moretti** took an informal poll of the membership on the desirability of having two days of lunches during finals week sponsored by the Senate, and the number of Senators willing to volunteer food items. The results showed interest and a sufficient number of volunteers. Chair **Moretti** will provide a sign-up sheet for that purpose.

VI. Adjournment

On a motion by Sen. **Clark**, the meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Althoff

Recorder