

Faculty Senate
Minutes
Wednesday, September 17, 2014
3:00 p.m.
Classroom Building 118

Hyperlinks to supporting documents are included in the Minutes.
**as approved at the October 8 meeting of the Faculty Senate*

I. Call to order

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

Attending:

Daniel Althoff	Steven Emge
Jeremy Blackwood	William Fridley
Martin Bressler	Alistair Maeer
Dennis Brewster	John Mischo
Han-Sheng Chen	Christopher Moretti
Kay Daigle	Hal Poovey
Diane Dixon	Krista Ramírez
Blythe Duell	

Not attending:

Riley Coker
Layne Heitz
George Jacox

II. Approval of the minutes from September 3, 2014

The following corrections were made to the Minutes:

- On page 1 (bullet point 4): “The President stated he was aware that he was *the seventh president in approximately five years...*” is corrected to “**the fifth president in approximately seven years...**”
- On page 3, Item D: “Two proposals regarding faculty salaries had been submitted to Vice President Walkup last semester; *there has been no response*” is corrected to “**there has been a response.**”
- On page 4, Item C: “Two senators spoke in favor of *January elections, with an announcement made of elections during the first week of November*” is corrected to read: “**Two senators spoke in favor of November elections, with an announcement made of elections in October. The terms are to begin in January, 2015.**”

Sen. Maeer moved that the Minutes be approved as corrected.

Sen. Brewster seconded the Motion.

The Motion to approve the Minutes as corrected passed: 14 in favor; none opposed; none abstaining.

III. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

Forums on Shared Governance (dates and shorter format)
Collaborative efforts with Academic Affairs

FS Chair Moretti reminded the Senators of the dates for the Shared Governance Forums. The first is to be held on Monday, October 13 from 1:00-2:00 pm on a topic selected by the Faculty Senate. The second will be on Thursday, November 13 from 1:00-2:00 pm on a topic selected by the Administration.

FS Chair Moretti met with Vice President McMillan on September 8. Among the topics discussed were:

1. Post Tenure Review: There is a goal of seeking approval for the Post Tenure Review process so that it may be implemented next academic year.
2. Academic Planning: There is a desire to see Academic Planning move in an area different from innovative teaching to include what we (SE) are about.
3. Academic Policies and Procedures Manual: This is an ongoing revision process.
4. Faculty Oversight of Multidisciplinary Programs: We need a framework on how to handle these.
5. Staff Positions with Faculty Rank: The question of whether new staff might have faculty rank arose in a recent email.

The FS Chair indicated there was a long list of items from the VPAA to discuss.

The FS Chair thanked the Senators for submitting written reports, and again reminded the Senate that documents be submitted 48 hours in advance of the Faculty Senate meeting if a vote is to be taken on them.

B. Personnel Policies Committee

Personnel Policies Committee Chair **Sen. Poovey** submitted a [report](#) on the activities of the Committee and highlighted some of them, e.g., the meeting schedule (every other Monday, beginning September 22); a reaffirmation of the 2011 Faculty Senate statement against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. He noted that no meetings were currently scheduled with the VPAA or Dr. Bryon Clark, stating that the annual review process is key to Post Tenure Review.

Sen. Poovey also submitted a proposed [amendment](#) to the Faculty Senate Constitution to include adjunct issues in the responsibilities of the University Affairs Committee.

Sen. Bressler offered a friendly amendment to the language of the proposed amendment, altering it to read: “**and (d) to serve as a contact for adjuncts to bring their concerns to the Senate and have them addressed.**”

The proposed Amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution (Article V—Committees, Section B, Number 2), as amended, passed by two-thirds majority vote by written ballot: 15 in favor; none opposed; none abstaining.

C. Planning Committee

- Report from initial meeting on Sept. 8th
- Motion on voting for Faculty Senate Awards (taking into account 1st/2nd preferences)

The Planning Committee submitted a [report](#) on its meeting on September 8th, along with a [motion](#) regarding voting for Faculty Senate Awards.

Sen. Daigle spoke in favor of including adjuncts in the Faculty Senate Awards.

Sen. Maeer moved that the Planning Committee plus the Faculty Senate Treasurer explore the idea of including adjuncts in Faculty Senate Awards.

Sen. Daigle seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion.

The Motion was approved: 14 in favor; none opposed; none abstaining.

Sen. Maeer moved that discussion on the motion to revise Faculty Senate Award voting to include first and second place preferences be postponed.

Sen. Duell seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The Motion was approved: 14 in favor; none opposed; none abstaining.

D. Budget Committee

The Budget Committee submitted its [report](#) on its activities. **Sen. Daigle**, chair of the Budget Committee, reported they looked at three charges (detailed in the report). **Sens. Duell** and **Bressler** emphasized the importance of the process for encumbering funds; the issue of faculty travel and job candidate reimbursements, as well as financial aid for students.

E. Committee on Committees

Report on initial meeting on Sept. 10th

Motion to appoint committee members

Sen. Dixon was elected chair of the committee. The Committee on Committees submitted detailed [minutes](#) from its first meeting, with a thorough review of committees under its charge, along with the composition of those committees. Substantial work has been done to reconcile appointments with membership and length of appointment to membership.

FS Chair Moretti moved that the recommended appointments in the Minutes from the Committee on Committees be approved.

Sen. Bressler seconded the motion.

The Motion was approved: 12 in favor; none opposed; none abstaining.

F. University Affairs

Report from initial meeting on Sept. 10th.

Sen. Bressler was elected chair of the University Affairs Committee and submitted the [report](#) from their meeting on September 10. The “brown bag lunches” will continue as “Learning Community Scholarly Brown Bag Lunch,” and the committee will be the contact point for adjunct faculty.

IV. Old Business

FS Chair Moretti mentioned the continuing issue of CIDT staffing.

V. New Business

A. Publishing anonymous comments from Senate surveys (background and proposals) – Chris Moretti

B. Discussion item: Senate Finances – Dan Althoff

A. FS Chair Moretti presented a document on the [historical background](#) of the Faculty Senate Survey comments. In light of concerns regarding the use of anonymous remarks found on the surveys, three possible approaches were suggested: (1) Just don't publish comments; (2) private publication (on intranet); or (3) filtering survey responses prior to public access.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone the discussion. The motion was approved: 13 in favor; none opposed; none abstaining.

In accordance with new Faculty Senate operating procedure, at 4:30 pm Faculty Senate Parliamentarian Hal Poovey moved that the Senate postpone business until the next Senate meeting and adjourn.

VI. Adjournment

The Motion to postpone business until the next Faculty Senate and adjourn was approved: 12 in favor; one opposed; no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Althoff

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Recorder