

Faculty Senate

Minutes

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

3:00 p.m.

General Classroom Building 118

Hyperlinks to supporting documents are included in the Minutes.

**as approved at the Senate meeting on January 21, 2015*

I. Call to order and Welcome

Faculty Senate Chair Moretti called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Attending:

Daniel Althoff	William Fridley
Jeremy Blackwood	Layne Heitz
Kay Daigle	George Jacox
Diane Dixon	Christopher Moretti
Blythe Duell	Hal Poovey
Steven Emge	Krista Ramírez

Not attending:

Martin Bressler
Dennis Brewster
Han-Sheng Chen
Riley Coker
John Mischo

II. Approval of the minutes from the meeting on November 19th

A correction was made on page 1, Roman numeral II, on the “Discussion about unifying withdrawal dates.” The reference to “only 26 grades” was corrected to read “only 26 F grades.”

Sen. Dixon moved to approve the minutes as corrected.

Sen. Jacox seconded the motion.

The Motion to approve the Minutes passed unanimously (11 votes in favor).

III. Committee Reports

A. Planning Committee: Nothing to report.

B. University Affairs: Nothing to report.

C. Executive Committee: Faculty Senate Chair Moretti reported that the Executive Committee had met, but had not met with President Burrage. The Committee felt that there was not enough material ready to present to the President to warrant a meeting. Potential topics for discussion included faculty salaries, adjunct salaries, and concurrent enrollment at SE from Durant High School. Chair Moretti indicated his strong desire to put forward suggestions with details on how they might be accomplished. As another suggestion to discuss with the President, Sen. Duell suggested asking him for an update on his perspective regarding the university’s mission and/or direction.

D. Committee on Committees: Committee nomination for Honors Committee

Sen. Dixon submitted a brief [report](#) on the Committee's last meeting, including a nomination for a vacancy on the Honors Committee and proposal to extend the term of the Campus Sustainability Committee members from two to three years to maintain consistent term lengths.

Sen. Dixon moved that Patrick Reardon be approved to serve on the Honors Committee.

Sen. Poovey seconded the motion.

The Motion passed unanimously (11 votes in favor).

Sen. Dixon then moved that the term of Campus Sustainability Committee members be extended from two to three years.

Sen. Duell seconded the motion.

The Motion passed unanimously (11 votes in favor).

Following the votes, there was a brief discussion on a perceived widespread unwillingness among faculty to serve on university committees.

E. Budget Committee: Sen. Daigle reported that the Committee had not met, but that they have received the university's budget.

F. Personnel Policies Committee: Sen. Poovey reported that the Personnel Policies Committee did not meet, but will meet again next semester.

IV. New Business

Setup for Senate-sponsored lunches during finals week (12/8, 12/10)

Administrative response to the Senate proposal on compensation for faculty who fill in for absent colleagues

FS Chair Moretti recommended setup by 10:30 a.m. each of the two days; lunch will run until 1:30 or 2:00 p.m.

FS Chair Moretti reported that the Vice President for Academic Affairs will recommend a pilot program to pro-rate compensation for faculty "substituting" for colleagues at the "high-demand" adjunct rate. This recommendation, however, must be approved.

Further, the **FS Chair** reported he had attended today's meeting of the Academic Council, during which a vote was held to continue the present practice of post-tenure review. AVPAA Bryon Clark will likely propose some sort of "conference committee" to reconcile the Faculty Senate's proposal with the step taken today (to make no changes). The Faculty Senate expects a formal response to its proposal from the Academic Council. The **Chair** will email VPAA McMillan with a request that Academic Council detail its concerns or reservations about the Faculty Senate's proposal, and that they communicate them to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Personnel Policies Committee.

V. Old Business: None.

VI. Adjournment: The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Altkhoff

Recorder