

**FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
October 12, 2011
University Center UC215**

I. Call to Order: 3:02 p.m.

Attending:

Richard Braley	Blythe Duell
Michael Reed	Brett Elliott
Steven Emge	Chris Moretti
Sheila Barnes	George Jacox
Jacob Wallace	Riley Coker
Martin Bressler	Gerri Johnson
Bruce Johnson	Dennis Brewster
Susan Webb	Diane Dixon
Hal Poovey	Aaron Adair

Not Attending:

Deborah Combs	William Fridley
Lawrence Silver	Kathleen Hardgrove
Dan Althoff	

II. Approval of September 28th Minutes

III. Committee Reports

**A. Executive Committee Report—Sen. Dixon
No Report**

**B. Budget Committee
No Report**

C. Committee on Committees – Sen. Dixon
The Faculty Senate Committee on Committees met via email to fill the remaining vacancy on the Institutional Assessment Committee. Dr. Reba Criswell was unable to accept the appointment due to previously scheduled assignments and to involvement in the CACREP Accreditation process (serving on the CACREP Accreditation Task Force Committee, with involvement in the self-study process).

The following recommendation was made:

Institutional Assessment Committee

Replace Michael Kallam (EBS) with Gail Romer (EBS)

Motion approved

- D. Personnel Policies Committee
Met 10/5
- Proposal for a new shared governance event is being written up. The proposal has two elements. First, it is recommended that the meetings already taking place between President Minks and the Executive Committee continue on a monthly basis.
 - Second, an open forum is being proposed between the president and faculty at large. In each meeting, two agenda items will be discussed. One of these items will be proposed by the Administration, and one will be proposed by the Faculty (by way of the Faculty Senate).
 - The goal of the meetings will be to open a line of communication between the faculty and the administration and to come to some form of resolution (defined very loosely) on each topic during the course of the meeting. By limiting the agenda to a couple of items, it is hoped that the meetings will be focused on a few important topics, allowing some form of resolution to be obtained. Faculty and administration will be notified of the topics in advance, and will be asked to attend the meetings, or share their thoughts with a Faculty Senator, so that their views can be voiced.
 - The details of this proposal are still being working through, but a formal proposal will be available soon.
- E. Planning Committee
Chairs were selected: Riley Coker and Kathleen Hargrove will serve as co-chairs.
- F. University Affairs
No Report
- IV. Old Business
- It was recommended that FS needs to follow up on the question regarding dependent tuition benefit. There was quite a bit of discussion on this issue, and it was decided that the topic needs to be brought up in the meeting between the Executive Committee and President Minks.
- V. **New Business**

Other topics of discussion for the meeting between the Executive Committee and President Minks:

1. Suggestion for Shared Governance Forum
2. Tuition Waiver for Dependents
3. Harvard Leadership program
 - How is the program being communicated to faculty members that are not involved?
 - Faculty is being under-represented. Only (approximately) 21 of the 85 attendees are faculty.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Blythe Duell