

Faculty Senate (FS) Minutes
Fall Semester, Meeting #5
Wednesday, October 30, 2019
Room 100, Russell Building, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
As approved by the Faculty Senate on November 13, 2019

Attending:

Stan Alluisi
Daniel Althoff
Derek Cash
Randy Clark
Rolando Diaz

Diane Dixon
William Fridley
Kendra Ingram
Karen Maple
Chris Moretti

Elisabeth Ponce-Garcia
Rhonda Richards
Kate Shannon
Michael Scheuerman

Not Attending:

Laura Atchley
Kathy Boothe
Kay Daigle
Chaehyun Lee
Joshua Nannestad
Alicia Wallace

Guests:

Carolyn Fridley

I. Call to Order

A. 3:01 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. [Minutes from October 16, 2019](#)

1. Motion to approve minutes – Senator Althoff
2. Second – Senator Maples
3. Discussion – add Stan Alluisi
4. Yes - 12; No - 0; Abstaining – 1
5. Motion carries - Minutes approved

III. Special Guest – VPAA Teresa Golden

- A. Reported on a discussion between President Bryon Clark, VPAA Teresa Golden and Dean Tim Boatmun about the previous work with Native American Tribes, and information and relationships that are no longer available, given the departure of former-President Burrage, who was the point person. To continue relations, the new title and position of Associate Vice President for Tribal Relations and Academic Affairs will replace VP Golden’s previous position (AVPAA for Accreditation and Assessment). President Clark has appointed--pending RUSO approval--Dr. Brad Ludrick to this position. Dr. Ludrick has been involved in the relations with the President and is aware of current tribal relations.

- B. Chair of MS Native American Leadership, Shannon McCraw reports directly to the president. Dr. McGraw is fully supportive of the appointment.
- C. Marlin Blankenship is current director of the Native American Institute and also director of the Advising Center.
- D. The Advising Center reporting structure will go from Dr. Boatman to Dr. Ludrick. Dr. Ludrick will remain as Faculty Athletic Advisor and will be *ex-officio* member on committees where Dr. Golden was appointed.
- E. President Clark ran this by RUSO before appointments were made. Will be put in the RUSO board notes for approval, even though that is not required.
- F. The administrative organizational chart should be updated soon.
- G. November 19th will be the initial meeting of the screening committee for the presidential search.
- H. A screening committee with four regents will be established.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- A. Working to get the FS budget shortfalls addressed. We are approximately \$2,757.92 short after awards are paid. There is roughly \$7,000 in awards to pay, and the current balance \$3,162. But an error in that balance will be addressed and add back \$1,079.
- B. Error in calculations and working to find exact shortfall.
- C. Chair Clark indicated that the budget request has been approved to be rectified, but we do not know when.

V. Committee Reports

A. Budget Committee

- 1. Did not meet.

B. Committee on Committees (CoC)

- 1. Held an e-mail vote on a motion.
- 2. Motion: It is moved that the following statement be added to the General Education Council Function (APPM 3.6.1., Function)

f. The Director of General Education will communicate to the campus community any approved changes in the general education curriculum.

- a. Motion Senator Fridley
- b. Second Senator Alluisi
- c. Discussion – suggestion for this came from General Education committee meeting from Dr. Elliott
- d. Yes - 14; No - 0; Abstentions – 0; motion carries

C. Executive Committee (EC, [Report](#))

1. The first meeting of presidential search committee will be on November 19th. Chair Clark will be on the screening committee. They will be informed of the process, sign legal documents, and be given access to information about the candidates. The second meeting is the 1st week of December, when they will be ready to discuss the candidates after review.
2. Chair Clark sent out a [survey for faculty feedback](#) on the topic for the Shared Governance Forum (November 12) and received 70 responses. Senator Moretti created a pie chart of the results. Overwhelmingly, concerns for a new president was the most desired topic.
 - a. Very important questions we would want to ask presidential candidates.
 - b. Sit down and brain storm and discuss ideas and listen to colleagues.
 - c. Faculty on the screening committee are the voice for all faculty.
 - d. Recommended title: "What we need in the next president: swipe right"
3. Past chairs have asked Tim Boatman about graduation and retention rates for the MBA program. [A chart with data](#) was distributed to the Faculty Senate.
4. Some discussion of expectations for gradebooks in Blackboard. Records should be kept on all components of the final grades. All information can be retained if it is in Blackboard.

D. Personnel Policies Committee

1. Did not meet.

E. Planning Committee (Minutes)

1. Met and discussed minimum requirements for all syllabi are noted in the Minutes and need to be reflected in APPM. The Planning Committee will make a motion after the EC meeting with President Bryon Clark (November 5).
2. Need to add the syllabus statement about *academic dishonesty*. On their [webpage, Academic Affairs](#) includes a mandatory *academic dishonesty* policy for syllabus requirements. APPM 6.1.1 and 6.1.7 both deal with student records and gradebook.

F. University Affairs Committee

1. Did not meet.

VII. Old Business

A. Senator Moretti drafted a [response letter to Registrar Toews](#).

1. Motion to send the response letter to the Registrar.

2. Motion - Senator Moretti
2. Second - Senator Alluisi
3. Discussion
 - a. Need clarification of what happened with the original case. The Registrar changed the final grade after it had been given, without notifying the instructor of record. However, there was a further investigation and there may have been extenuating circumstances in this case.
 - b. How is this codified with the Registrar? The practice historically is that the VPAA gives them the authority to make those changes.
4. Vote Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstentions -0; motion carries

VIII. New Business

- A. Faculty Senate website: Senate Archivist Fridley has accessed the website and is organizing and adding files. The University Committee pages were inaccessible. Archivist Fridley will continue working with Blake Allen to get proper access.

IX. Announcements

- A. The 13th Native American Symposium will be held on Friday November 1st at Southeastern.
- B. Senator Althoff met with Alicia Ridenour and Penny Bridwell about the Southeastern Cares Fund (Senators Dixon and Scheuerman have also volunteered). They asked that senators draft a letter to Dennis Westman to see what they need to do to be in compliance.

X. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn at 4:26 – Senator Alluisi
- B. Second Senator Scheuerman
- C. Yes – all; No – ; Abstentions - 0
- D. Motion carries

Minutes submitted by Senator Rhonda Richards, Recorder
