

Minutes for the Faculty Senate

Meeting # 3 Spring 2023

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Hybrid (Russell 100 or Zoom), 3:00-4:30 p.m.

<https://se-edu.zoom.us/j/97473144940>

ATTENDING

Laura Atchely
Kathy Boothe
Brandon Burnette
Randy Clark
Meg Cotter-Lynch
Steve Csaki

Amy Gantt
Ashley Hampton
Andy Kramer
Chris Moretti
Kate Shannon
Rob Shauger

Matthew Sparacio
Jeri Walker
Doug Wood
Frank Xu
Mila Zhu

ABSENCES

Cody Bogard
Srimal Garusnghe
Amy Mills

GUESTS

Dena Rymel
James Sutton
Sandra Thomas
Carol Sullivan
Gamble

- I. Call to Order – 3:03 PM CST
- II. Minutes from February 8, 2023
 - a. **MOTION TO APPROVE** the Minutes from February 8, 2023 – Senator Kramer
 - b. **SECOND** – Senator Walker
 - c. **DISCUSSION** – Adjourn is misspelled at the end.
 - d. **VOTE** – 14 approve; 0 oppose; 0 abstain; passes unanimously.
- III. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. No changes to report from last meeting.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Budget Committee (BC)
 - i. Did not meet.
 - b. Committee on Committees (CoC)
 - i. Looked at the upcoming vacancies for the next academic year. The CoC is prepared to begin soliciting preferences for committee and council appointments.

Once there is access to SurveyMonkey the CoC will have this out to faculty members.

- ii. Those who have a new faculty member in your department are encouraged to give them a head's up about their responsibility to complete their preference survey. This will allow them to get them started in their service to the university, a necessary component for promotion and tenure.
- c. Executive Committee (EC)
 - i. Did not meet.
 - ii. FS Chair Shannon attended the Advisory Council meeting yesterday and passed along several updates from President Newsom:
 - 1. President Newsom announced the addition of programs on the horizon that include collaborations with other institutions, including potential partnerships with Rose State, OSU IT, and Career Tech. He mentioned this specifically in reference to our current lower than expected enrollment. He also clearly stated that this is not a dire slow down, but something to continue to consider generating future enrollment. SE may have twice as many freshman enroll than this past Fall, based on record scholarship applications at this point.
 - 2. There will be an addendum to the Academic Partnerships contract about providing additional programs, including options for an MS Healthcare Administration, a BA in Finance, BA in Psychology, and a Certificate in Leadership. President Newsom indicated this will give us a potential list to shop from – we are not under any obligation to bring on these programs.
 - 3. President Newsom noted that micro credentials will be available soon.
 - 4. The Strategic Plan is drafted and ready to submit to the President. The President has indicated that he has some additions related to technology.
 - 5. The president gave several campus improvement updates:
 - a. \$6.5 million in grant money has been released by the state for renovating the biology building.
 - b. New roof on the student union.
 - c. Furniture replacement has moved into common spaces.
 - d. Front lawn project has begun.
 - e. There will be update displays in JMSB and Student Union.
 - 6. President Newsome mentioned future changes to the fee structure that will be presented to the Regents. The motivation is to move away from a reliance on the online fees (\$50 per credit hour for online courses). Program/Department fees will also be raised from \$12 to \$15. There will be newly introduced Study Abroad and Aviation fees.
 - 7. The President received the BC/PPC Compensation Proposal (see below).
 - 8. Announced the approval of revised office hours policy (see below).
 - iii. President Newsom asked if there is legislation that he needs to know about. He is actively monitoring the legislative agenda. He wants to advocate for us but needs to know what we as faculty are most concerned about.
- d. Personnel Policies Committee (PPC)
 - i. Did not meet.

- ii. PPC asked for clarification regarding its next steps: the new charge is looking at adjunct and CANVAS mandatory training. Word from VPAA Golden, however, is that training is **not** required.
 - 1. VPAA clarified that training is not meant to burden adjuncts, only be an opportunity. These resources will be available for review if they choose.
 - 2. Still need to determine if this message has been communicated to Department Chairs and adjunct faculty in general.
- e. Planning Committee (PC)
 - i. Met yesterday.
 - ii. Discussed one issue: one professor in the Business school suggested FS Award nominations were missing. The PC ran an audit and did not find any missing nominations. A response has been drafted for this faculty member. PC does not have any reason to be concerned about their survey and nomination process.
- f. University Affairs Committee (UAC)
 - i. UAC met with Liz McCraw to discuss the Housing Policy. VPSA McCraw's response was forwarded to committee members. It again brought up the potential for shifts in policy if there are high student housing requests in the Fall. Overall, there are no substantive changes to report.

V. Old Business

- a. Office Hours Policy (APPM 4.9.1)
 - i. Approved. Received feedback from SGA and will be updated in the APPM. This policy will go into effect during the next term. Please communicate any office hour changes clearly to your students.
- b. ChatGPT Update from Senator Kramer
 - i. Two documents shared: (1) TurnItIn Suggested Integration Methods; (2) Readings List
 - ii. Some big take-ways from the current scholarship and reporting on this:
 - 1. No "best practices" exist because this is a relatively new technology. Anticipating detectors will be able to pick up on this in the future. Recent studies suggest only detectable up to 26%.
 - 2. Question and concerns over "plagiarism" are perhaps not applicable in instances of student use because this is not "copying" per say.
 - 3. Universal agreement over the need from transparency regarding course and assignment expectations.
 - 4. Concerned about student submissions?
 - a. Pay attention to citations. ChatGPT and WebGPT do not have the ability to cite.
 - b. Pay attention to shifted language in student responses.
 - 5. Because employers will utilize this, we have an obligation to teach out students how to use it **ethically**.
 - 6. Common Refrain: "This is an opportunity to connect with our students."
 - iii. Discussion with CIDT who are having students add an addendum to their assignment disclosing **how** they used the app for their work.
 - 1. Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit will be held on April 20. There will be at least one roundtable discussion on ChatGPT.
 - iv. *SUGGESTION*: We need to be alert to this not only with student submissions, but with hiring committees and other forms of communication in higher ed.

- v. Suggestion for a Brown Bag Lunch are approved.
 - 1. The format of Brown Bag Lunched in the past has been alternating Tues/Wed to catch teachers with different schedules. Usually had a moderator or panel. It was an open discussion.
 - a. Identified Late March/Early April as a good time for this event.
 - 2. Chair Shannon will reach out for volunteers to create an ad hoc committee and then set dates by next FS meeting on March 8.
 - c. Staff Senate Shared Governance Forum (2/16/2023) Reactions
 - i. Very high participation – about 55 people in-person and online. Thank you to all the faculty who attended!
- VI. New Business
- a. Update on the BC/PPC Compensation Proposal passed during 2/8/2023 meeting.
 - i. Pres. Newsom has acknowledged receipt of proposal; it's currently under review.
 - 1. There was the mention of “tightening belts” more than once during the Advisory Council meeting.
 - b. New Shared Governance Forum Date has been set at March 21, 2023.
 - i. SE Administration will choose the topic for this SGF.
- VII. Announcements
- a. Mutual Mentoring will hold a meeting next Friday, March 3 focused on supporting junior faculty in the development of promotion and tenure portfolio. We encourage everyone to attend!
 - b. The SEsport Arena is officially open on campus. It was a fun reception and good to see faculty support for this venture. Currently ranked first in the state conference. Tuesday evenings are when the team streams.
 - i. Arena has an open play area – there are specific places for visiting teams as well.
- VIII. Adjournment – 4:03 PM CST
- a. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Senator Walker
 - b. **SECOND** – Senator Kramer