

Faculty Senate

Minutes*

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

3:00 p.m.

Classroom Building 118

Corrected at Faculty Senate Meeting on February 26, 2014

I. Call to order

Sen. Moretti called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Attending:

Daniel Althoff	Layne Heitz
Han-Sheng Chen	Alistair Maeer
Riley Coker	John Mischo
Kay Daigle	Christopher Moretti
Diane Dixon	Krista Ramírez
Brett Elliott	Rhonda Richards
Steven Emge	Jerry Stout
William Fridley	Jacob Wallace

Guest speaker:

Dr. Bryon Clark

Not attending:

Martin Bressler
Dennis Brewster
Blythe Duell
Tristan Eggener
Jennifer Hicks
George Jacox
Hal Poovey
Robert Stevens

II. Approval of minutes from the meeting on January 15, 2014

Sen. Mischo noted that he was in attendance on January 15; he had been listed as not attending.

Sen. Dixon moved to approve the Minutes as corrected above.

Sen. Fridley seconded the Motion.

The Motion to approve the Minutes passed: 11 in favor; none opposed; no abstentions.

III. Committee Reports

A. Planning Committee: No meeting. Sen. Coker distributed posters to encourage student nominations for Faculty Senate Awards.

B. Committee on Committees: No report.

C. Budget Committee: Sen. Dixon reported that VP Ross Walkup will be providing an analysis of faculty salary for budget submission in April; he will be reconciling data from CUPA and AAUP sources.

Sen. Dixon also noted that the 75% funding of travel mini-grants was often not enough to allow faculty to travel; the 25% portion falling on faculty members is enough to discourage and prevent faculty travel. Dr. Bryon Clark spoke to that, saying that there had been a historic basis for that split: there was a time at the university when individual departments had their own travel budgets. The committee reviewing grant requests will consider reducing the required matching funds. Travel mini-grants are 2 eligible for funding up to 75% of a \$1700 request (i.e. \$1275); research grants are eligible for full funding up to \$1700.

D. University Affairs Committee: Sen. Stout reported that an email regarding the Brown Bag lunches was sent out earlier today.

E. Executive Committee:

Forum on Shared Governance – March 3rd (topic: adjunct issues)

Sen. Moretti reminded Senators of the Shared Governance Forum on March 3. The format of the Shared Governance Forums will be modified so that one topic can be addressed by faculty and administration at one meeting. Faculty and administration will take turns choosing topics. The faculty's choice of topic in March is "adjunct issues."

Sen. Elliott asked if adjuncts had their pay increased by rolling the stipend amount received late last year into their base pay. Sen. Maeer wondered if adjuncts in graduate courses were paid more than in undergraduate courses.

F. Personnel Policies Committee: Sen. Fridley distributed a printed report of the Personnel Policy Committee's actions at their meeting on January 22.

IV. New Business

Bryon Clark – discussion of the upcoming HLC visit

Dr. Clark distributed a two-page, highly detailed description ("HLC Update to Faculty Senate") of important points surrounding the upcoming site visit by the team from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Dr. Clark urged Faculty Senate members to keep him apprised of any additions to the electronic resources supplied to the HLC in the "Electronic Resource Room." The university must maintain an ongoing, accurate list of the resources provided there. Updates on resources can be emailed directly to him or through the Faculty Senate (via Sen. Moretti). The HLC team is arriving three weeks from Sunday. A final determination regarding accreditation will be made by the end of summer or the beginning of fall. The visiting HLC site team will hold three separate open meetings: one each for faculty, staff, and students.

V. Old Business

Sen. Moretti reminded Senators to forward discussion items for Faculty Senate agenda items with as much detail as possible for future meetings.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Althoff, Recorder