

## Faculty Senate

### Minutes\*

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

3:15 p.m.

General Classroom Building 118

*No supporting documents were submitted at this meeting.*

*\*As approved at the Faculty Senate Meeting on April 8, 2015*

#### I. Call to order and Welcome

Faculty Senate Chair **Moretti** called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m.

##### Attending:

Daniel Althoff	Steven Emge
Jeremy Blackwood	William Fridley
Dennis Brewster	Layne Heitz
Han-Sheng Chen	George Jacox
Randy Clark	John Mischo
Riley Coker	Christopher Moretti
Kay Daigle	Hal Poovey
Diane Dixon	Krista Ramírez
Blythe Duell	

##### Not attending:

Martin Bressler  
Tom Harvey  
Brad Ludrick

#### II. Approval of the minutes from the meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>

Sen. **Coker** moved that the Minutes be adopted as submitted.

Sen. **Jacox** seconded the Motion.

**The Motion to approve the Minutes as submitted was passed unanimously (14 in favor).**

#### III. Committee Reports

##### A. University Affairs

Sen. **Heitz** reported a good turnout at the last Scholarly Brown Bag Lunch. He noted further that the University Affairs Committee was still looking for a speaker for the Scholarly Brown Bag Lunch for Thursday, April 16, at 12:30 p.m. Anyone interested in presenting there should contact Martin Bressler.

##### B. Budget Committee

No report.

##### C. Planning Committee

Sen. **Coker** reminded Senators that the voting link for the Faculty Senate Awards was live and would be online until noon next Wednesday. She recommended avoiding using the Firefox browser, however. In related Faculty Senate Award news, there is enough money in our account to pay for framing the award certificates. Reminder: The Faculty and Staff Awards Banquet will be held on Monday, April 27.

#### **D. Personnel Policies Committee**

Sen. **Poovey** announced there had been no official meeting of the committee. Informally, however, there are two proposals regarding the Promotion and Tenure policy up for consideration: (1) a proposal to remove language that requires providing an opportunity for external input to promotion and tenure committees, and (2) a change to the recusal policy on tenure and promotion committees. Those changes would need review from Charlie Babb, RUSO legal counsel, before approval. Also up for consideration is a change that requires the VPAA to write two letters, when one would be sufficient, as the VPAA is the last step in the chain of tenure and promotion approvals before the recommendation arrives at the President's office.

#### **E. Executive Committee**

- **Nominations for Chair-Elect now open**

FS Chair **Moretti** announced there had no nominations as of noon today (March 25). He hopes for more than one nomination, and ideally there will be at least three. He will send a reminder email regarding nominations today.

- **Senate SurveyMonkey account active**

The SurveyMonkey account for Faculty Senate will be open for the next two months. It will be used to survey committee appointment preferences among the faculty. It will also be used for the annual Faculty Survey. Chair **Moretti** hopes to include funding for SurveyMonkey in next year's Faculty Senate budget.

- **Update on Post Tenure Review draft**

The Academic Council has approved Charles Matthews' additional clarifying language on the proposed Post Tenure Review policy. Chair **Moretti** hopes to receive something official from Academic Council by the next Senate meeting. He understands that VPAA McMillan wants to have a policy in place for the Fall semester 2015.

#### **F. Committee on Committees**

Sen. **Dixon** announced that the Committee on Committees is working on surveying faculty's committee appointment preferences via SurveyMonkey.

#### **IV. Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### **V. New Business**

- **Discussion item: Academic Visioning Meeting, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Senators offered their perspectives on the Academic Visioning Meeting that immediately preceded today's Faculty Senate meeting. Among those commenting were Sens. **Jacox, Fridley, Poovey, Duell, Heitz, Dixon, and Emge**. It seems the consensus was that the Academic Visioning meeting was cordial, productive, informative, well-presented, and well-attended. Special appreciation was noted for the presentation given by Drs. Melancon and Prus.

- **Reminder: Senate Committee Year-end Report due at the final Senate meeting on April 29**

A special "plug" was made for the AAUP Oklahoma State Conference to be held on campus on Saturday, April 11. There is no registration fee to attend, and breakfast and lunch will be served. The Conference will feature a roundtable discussion with President Burrage and Faculty Senate Chair Moretti. There will also be presentations, and proposals for presentations of 10-15 minutes are welcome.

The next Shared Governance Forum will be on April 24 at 2:00.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

***Daniel Althoff***

Recorder