



Faculty Senate 2014–2015

OFFICIAL MINUTES: 18 Feb 2015

AD 307, 6:30 pm

Attendees: Herb Helm; Karl Bailey; Brian Strayer; Rob Zdor; David Randall; Lynelle Weldon; Brendan Cross(R); Rachel Williams-Smith(R); Janine Lim; LeRoy Ruhupatti(R); Nicholas Miller, Connie Gane(R); Mary Ngugi(R); Anneris Navia(R); Janet Ledesma(R); John Peckham (R); Randall Robertson; Marc Ullom(R); Thomas Lowing (R); Ed Schmidt

Regrets: Beverly Sedlacek; Lori Walton; Katherine Koudele; Tevni Grajales; Felix Cortez; Margaret Powell; Betty Gibson; Janet Blackwood; Monique Pittman; Ante Jeroncic;

Honored Guests: none

A Zoom meeting was established to allow senators to attend remotely during a major snow storm. Remote senators, indicated with (R) participated in the meeting

1. Welcome and Prayer (5 min) N. Miller
Ps 57: Psalm of deliverance. There are life-and-death difficulties we face in our own lives and communities. God will come to save either now or in the future.
2. Review and approval of Minutes (5 min) D. Randall
VOTE to APPROVE MINUTES: Motion: L Weldon Second: R. Zdor.
3. Planning for Spring Senate Elections (10 min) B. Strayer
Brian Strayer will send memo to deans on week of 23 Feb.
Monitor request: Senators in each school should confirm that school-wide (or division wide) elections are held. Represent the school / division; no direct appointments.
Agriculture now in CAS: Until constitution is revised, Agriculture represented by one senator.
Comment: Senators unable to fulfill their term should let their dean / division chair know.
4. Senate Equity Committee Update & Report (2 min) N. Miller
Senate standing committee members: Lori Walton; Rachel Williams-Smith; Beverly Sedlacek; Duane Covrig; Nick Miller
5. Senate Communications Officer Update (5 min) N. Miller
Send Communications Officer tasks to Nick Miller and Lynelle Weldon.
6. Strategic Planning Update K. Bailey
Action Item: N. Miller to follow up with A. Luxton to confirm desire of senate to have faculty involved in decisions involving academic matters, ex. programs to cut; **ALSO**, to clarify the process.
7. Reports from four key committees (27 min total)
 - 7.1. Undergraduate Council M. Pittman no report
 - 7.2. Graduate Council F. Cortez no report
 - 7.3. Academic Ops Council J. Lim meeting on 1/21; nothing for faculty senate.
 - 7.4. Faculty Policy and Devel. N. Miller review "Faculty Responsibility" red-lined document
Document updates description of responsibilities and duties for full time faculty.
Senate had **serious concerns** and could not support document as written.
 - 1) What this the context of the changes?
 - 2) First sentence could be broadly interpreted.
"Effective teaching is dependent upon an active engagement in scholarly productivity."
 - a. Could be interpreted that failing to publish X papers per year means that you are an ineffective teacher. How are non-traditional academic programs to be assessed (Aviation, Creative Arts, ...) How are programs where teachers are required to teach during the summer assessed against this standard.
 - 3) Faculty load responsibilities are codified in modified policy (**2:143:2**). Load calculation (what is a reasonable amount of work (2:376:2) is un-changed.
 - 4) Need to clarify baseline teaching load as 24 contact hours.
 - 5) Overall editing and clarity should be improved**Action Item:** Nick & other officers to discuss with Christon.
8. **Staff Senate:** encourage staff to create a senate.