



Faculty Senate 2014–2015

Agenda: 15 April 2015

AD 307, 6:30 pm

Attendees: Lynelle Weldon; Janet Ledesma; Rob Zdor; LeRoy Ruhupatti; Nicholas Miller; Herb Helm; Karl Bailey; Brian Strayer; David Randall; Monique Pittman; Thomas Lowing; Janine Lim; Connie Gane; Katherine Koudele; Anneris Navia; Brendan Cross; Mary Ngugi; Ante Jeronic;

Regrets: Rachel Williams-Smith; Lori Walton; Ed Schmidt; Tevni Grajales; Felix Cortez; Margaret Powell; Beverly Sedlacek; John Peckham; Randall Robertson; Marc Ullom; Betty Gibson; Janet Blackwood;

Honored Guests: Andrea Luxton, Provost.

1. Welcome and Prayer N. Miller

Rev 14:6: What is the source of our knowledge?

2. VOTED: Minutes of 3/11 meeting N. Miller

3. Report from Provost A. Luxton

3.1. Report on modifications to retirement procedures

Major Retirement Issue: paperwork started too late. HR has assembled a packet with forms & information for faculty. Once faculty notifies (8 MONTHS EARLY) intent to retire, then letter is sent to chair, dean, provost explaining details and action requirements. Chair does much to drive process.

“Hire on” problems: benefit start date is linked to “system access” date. By May/end plan in place to decouple these. Computer access at 4 months before benefits start date.

3.2. Report on shared governance document

Document intent: outline who makes decisions. States principles of operation.

Process & time line: First revision post comments from committee chairs presented to faculty senate distributed at Senate. Ratification (Fall 2015): Dean’s Council; Faculty Senate; President’s cabinet or designee’s.

Attachment (4/14 version):

4. Report: Senate Finance Sub Committee M. Pittman

Senate Finance Committee presented recommendations on principles to consider.

Discussion: Important to get buy-in, or at least have extensive lines of communication, transparency.

Vote ACTION: Send senate finance subcommittee report to Deans Council with Faculty Senate endorsement.

Attachment (report)

Chair asked Senators to take the Report and its principles and share them with their chairs and deans in their respective schools, and seek to have faculty provide input into the budgeting decisions at the school level.

Provost report: Outcome of last board meeting is to shave MORE money from the budget. This work is ongoing.

5. Report Senator Elections from schools D. Randall

Recommendation: Electronic voting & nominations had higher participation (voting) than school faculty meetings.

Appendix 3 shows the transition plan from old to new senators.

6. VOTE Senate Officers for 15-16 School year All

Chair: Lynelle Weldon

Vice-chair: Thomas Lowing

Exec. Secty: David Randall

Comm. Officer: Rachel Williams-Smith

Parliamentarian: Constance Gane

Elections based on nominated senators and secret ballot.

7. Confirmed: Faculty Senate meeting on 27 May N. Miller

Tabled items

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| 8. Report: Race & Justice Committee [5 min] | N. Miller |
| 9. Discussion: Faith & learning integration at Graduate Level [5 min] | N. Miller |
| 10. Discussion: SubCommittee membership with 15-16 senators [5 min] | D. Randall |
| 11. Discussion: School-level academic governance [5 min] | |

Appendix 1: Shared Governance Document



Adobe Acrobat
Document

Appendix 2: Finance committee report (Faculty Senate Budget Principles 15 April)



Microsoft Word 97 -
2003 Document

Appendix 3: Senate Roster 14-15 --> Senate Roster 15-16 Transition chart



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Items in Red are names not yet received from respective schools