

Special General Faculty Meeting Approved Minutes
Approved January 28, 2015

October 29, 2014
4:30 p.m.
Sininger Hall 100

Call to order at 4:25 p.m. Quorum obtained with 27 voting and 6 non-voting faculty attendees.

1. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved unanimously
2. Managing academic challenges – discussion led by Dr. Derkas
 - With the announcement this afternoon that President Fries will be retiring, there was much discussion regarding implications of strategic planning, accreditation visit and changes of other administrators.
 - Another consideration is that there will be several changes to the Board of Regents next year.
 - Even with changes in administration faculty felt that we should continue to voice our concerns, especially the need to be involved in the hiring of a new president. That has traditionally included faculty, staff and community members.
 - Other concerns discussed were enrollment issues and proposed restructuring.
 - Motion made that the executive committee write a letter to the Board of Regents indicating that we would like to move the President search forward in a timely fashion. Discussion: include back-up of why and include items discussed. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Future forums should include a separate one for students. It was felt they might be intimidated meeting with faculty before they had a discussion amongst themselves. Should there also be separate one for staff?
3. Other
 - The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with President Fries on Monday to discuss handbook changes to the Dean section.
4. Announcements: none
5. Adjourned at 5:14 p.m.