

Faculty Senate Meeting
September 28, 2016 Draft Minutes
Approved October 12th

Singer Hall, room 100 and via ZOOM, 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Burns, Jim (School of Education); Coggins, Kip (School of Social Work); Ensor, Kevin (School of Education/Counseling & Guidance); Gadsden, Gloria (Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice); Harrington, Edward (Visual & Performing Arts); Jeffries, John (Computer Science & Math); Jenkins, Kathy (Exercise & Sport Sciences); Kempner, Brandon (English & Philosophy); Meron, Angela (Media Arts & Technology); Ortiz, Luis (School of Business); Rodriguez, Elaine (History & Political Science); Romine, Maureen (Biology); Sammeth, David (Chemistry); Vargas, Edgar (Languages & Culture); Williams, Emily (School of Education); Williams, Susan (Nursing); Williams, Susan (Nursing); Williamson, Ian (Psychology); Zebrowski, Cheryl (Library)

Excused: Meckes, Shirley (School of Education/Teacher Education); Thornton, Laird (Staff Senate)

Absent: Padilla, Julian (Student Senate)

Also Present: Linder, Carol (VPAA/Provost); Cespedes, Blanca (Natural Resources); Vargas, Edgar (Languages & Culture)

3. Approval of Agenda: - MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the agenda

4. Approval of Minutes: – MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the Minutes from September 14th

5. Communication from the Administration

- a. Strategic plans have been submitted to Deans. Budgets are due Oct. 18th.
- b. General education core progressing. Academic Affairs will need to be working on rubrics for traits/skills.
- c. Dr. Linder will be attending the webinar on implementing a strategic plan.
- d. 2nd half semester classes will be offered.

6. Communication from the Chair

- a. Discussion regarding Dr. Kempner continuing as chair, since he is also half-time HLC Coordinator.
 - i. Some concerns raised included that he would be too connected to the administration, even if his contract states he is faculty. He would have a unique perspective by doing both, and have better communication with the administration. He states that there is currently a 60-70% overlap of senate issues with HLC. Should the HLC position be full-time?

- ii. Three possible options were put forth: 1) Immediate replacement. 2) Replacement to start Spring semester 3) Dr. Kempner would complete his term, with normal elections in February and new chair starting next Fall.
- iii. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** that the executive committee will conduct a Survey Monkey poll. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Faculty Development Week poll results – A two day version won. General Faculty meeting, Association meeting, and the President’s address were deemed most important. The results will be forwarded to the Association as this is deemed a working conditions issue.
- c. The poll regarding an internal or external search for the Social Work Dean ends today.
- d. Email Max Baca or Dr. Kempner about the budget process.
- e. A special legislation session has been called for this Friday to determine budget cuts for this year. More cuts are likely for next year.
- f. Kerry Loewen has taken over as chair of the VPAA/Provost search committee.

7. Communication from Academic Affairs

- a. Dr. Gadsden reported that the committee discussed the possibility that the graduate council should take over program reviews for graduate programs.
- b. Progress on program reviews: music done, math progressing. They also discussed the process and schedule.

8. Communication from the Student Senate

- a. No one present.

9. Communication from the Staff Senate

- a. No one present.

10. Old Business

- a. DISCUSSION ITEM: Departments without chairs - Tabled
- b. DISCUSSION ITEM: Student Evaluations of Teaching - Tabled
- c. DISCUSISON ITEM: Disruptive student policy. Information should be forwarded to Dean of Students, Kim Blea, for discussion. Language for online disruptive students and center students is also needed.

11. New Business:

- a. ACTION ITEM: Faculty Senate Strategic Plan.
 - i. It was recommended that information for Strategic Goal 4 be added stating that departments will report community partnerships to the senate
 - ii. Should add more specific details for Strategic Goal 1 Actions to state that the senate will update manuals, policies, etc. as needed.
 - iii. Add technology compliance for SARA to Strategic Goal 5.
 - iv. It should be noted in Strategic Goal 3 that we work with others besides the Dean of Students.
 - v. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to approve the plan with the executive committee incorporating suggestions. Motion passed unanimously

- b. Dr. Kempner presented the Faculty Senate budget, which would add a ¼ time course release for the chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, and still save \$33,273.
 - i. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to approve budget. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. ACTION ITEM: Committee Charges:
 - i. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to charge the Graduate Council to make a recommendation regarding the definition of Graduate Faculty, particularly the requirement of teaching 1 graduate course per year. Meets SG1 (academic excellence, integration, and student success) and SG6 (enhanced communication and efficiency). Faculty Senate Chair will inform the Graduate Council. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Pino and Ballen endowments - Tabled

12. Committee Reports and Announcements

13. Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.