

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday March 12, 2018

3:30 - 5:00 CH 126

Senators Present: Ahmed, Asaduzzaman, Bailey, Barut, Bolin, Brown, Bryant, Bukonda, Close, Cramer, Decker, Dowling, Elder, English, Hull, Jameson, Jarman, Johnson, Kreinath, Myose, Price, Pulaski, Rife, Rokosz, Shaw, Smith, Smith-Campbell, Sternfeld-Dunn, Weheba, Willis, Woods, Yao, Yildirim.

Excused: Castro, Schwartz

Summary of Action

Approved a statement in support of the Sunflower

I. Meeting called to Order at 3:30

II. Informal Statements and Proposals

Kathy Hull died this morning after being hit by a car at the crosswalk near Wilner last Tuesday morning around 8:30. This is at least the second serious pedestrian strike by a car in this area.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from February 26 were approved.

IV. Senate President's Report

- Lee Ann Birdwell is the new administrative assistant for the faculty senate.
- New date for joint senate meeting is April 18 @ 3:30 (CAC).
- 3+3 Discussion April 2 @ 3:30 (CH 126) – will look at other opportunities to partner and advance further opportunities to promote our students.
- SGA requested that we remind faculty that plus-minus grades are at the discretion of faculty.
- Senate elections are in progress. Ballots should be sent out this week and will be open for two weeks. Nomination process is undergoing revisions for next year.
- Thanks from Academic Affairs office to all faculty and departments that made the 120 hours report to KBOR a smooth process.
- Budget Advisory committee (2.27.18) contains a page on revenues and potential expenditures.

V. Committee Reports

- Rules committee – recruiting senators to serve next year.
- Time Keeping committee - Janice Ewing - they had their final meeting and have made a recommendation for time-keeping software for next year.

VI. Old Business

Update on BA in Applied Sciences from College of Education (revisions going to Academic Affairs committee for review) – has returned to faculty affexecutive committee.

VII. New Business

- Draft resolution regarding the Sunflower from executive committee (voted 7-1 in favor). Suggested changes are to move the last sentence to become the first sentence. Members felt that the statement should be stronger regarding the view that a budget cut represents “intimidation of free student press.” – **Changes were approved and the statement was approved.**

Text of final version:

The Faculty Senate urges President Bardo to restore the funds to a level consistent with previous years and to ensure that the Sunflower is free to pursue its mission. The *Sunflower*, which reports on WSU news, current issues, activities, academics and athletics, in addition to offering a forum for discussion, reviews and commentary, is an invaluable resource of information for Wichita State University community including students, faculty, staff, alumni and the wider Wichita community. In addition, the *Sunflower* represents a unique opportunity for applied learning experience for students, which directly aligns with WSU’s Strategic Plan. *The Sunflower cannot survive without proper funding.* The Faculty Senate has concerns that the proposed budget cut is intimidation of free student press.

- Teri Hall, Paige Hungate - Update on Student Fees process. Teri Hall stated that the funding problem stems from the lack of any clearly defined statements about the role and position of the Sunflower. Current recommendation for funding from SGA is \$75,000 plus \$5,000 from equipment fund. Questions was asked about Mikrococosmos – SGA thinks college should support it the way they do Model UN. Question - Is there a plan to contact the Foundation to try to establish a capitol campaign to raise money for the long-term support of the Sunflower? Support was expressed along these lines by other senators. No definitive answer was given by Hall, but she seemed to think Foundation funding could be a viable option Q. Is there a conversation about funding through ad revenue? Not yet. Hall stated that the Sunflower currently has a large reserve. Q. Are these cuts in response to the Sunflower’s coverage of news stories about the administration? A – No. That never came up at the committee meeting.
- David Moses - KOMA application on campus- General Counsel will be taking a new look at KOMA. There isn’t a lot of precedence in this area, but the

university will likely begin to consider all meetings as open meetings or at least default on the side of open meetings. Previous A.G. opinion (1995) had stated that KU senate executive committee should operate in accordance with KOMA. Q Have you looked at case law in other states? Yes. Different states have different open meeting laws. Q Should the student fees committee meeting have been open in the first case? A. It's unclear, but in retrospect it probably would have been better. Staff-related meetings do not fall under KOMA.

- David Moses - Wichita State Innovation Alliance [WSIA](#) - purpose / guiding principles. Stacia Boden: Guiding principles – necessary to lay the ground work of how we got here starting in 2014. Higher education is evolving – less public money and more competition. Over past 20 years P3 has provided higher education mechanism for private funds. Private funding is essential for the future. These are the guiding principles for the Innovation Campus. WSIA – nonprofit organization to “engage and see the guiding principles through.” Focuses on assuring that the innovation campus land (all of WSU) “happens.” WSIA will continue its focus on legal aspects and P3’s. **Because of time constraints – it was stated that Stacia Boden, should return to answer questions.**
- Bob Workman (Ulrich) Tom Otterness commission. Commissioned Otterness to make a large piece similar to “making hay”. The piece, “Shockers” is currently being fabricated and will be installed in the fall. Hay requires annual replacement. Funding comes completely from private family foundation. There has been some controversy around an act that Otterness took in the 1970’s in which Otterness shot a dog in a film. He has since written an apology for this.

VIII. As May Arise