

# Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

**Monday March 26, 2018**

3:30 - 5:00 CH 126

Senators in Attendance: Anderson, Asaduzzaman, Ahmed, Bailey, Bolin, Bryant, Bukonda, Castro, Celestin, Close, Cramer, Decker, Dehner, Dowling, Elder, English, Hull, Jameson, Jarman, Johnson, Keene Woods, Kreinath, Mahapatro, Markova, Muthitacharoen, Myose, Price, Pulaski, Rife, Rokosz, Ross, Schwartz, Shaw, M. Smith, Smith-Campbell, Tamtam, Willis, Yao, Yildirim.

Excused: Barut, Dusenbury

## Summary of Action

- **Proposed committee assignments from Rules Committee were approved by verbal vote.**
- **Approval of the following motion by a vote of 29-4-1:**

In the case of both mandatory and non-mandatory reviews for tenure and promotion Associate Professor, candidates must meet the criteria for tenure and promotion as established in university policy. A favorable recommendation for Tenure automatically carries a favorable recommendation for promotion to Associate Professor.

**A motion put this change to University Tenure and Promotion policy 4.15 to general faculty for endorsement was approved.**

### **I. Meeting called to Order at 3:30**

### **II. Informal Statements and Proposals**

None

### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes from March 12 were approved.

### **IV. President's Report**

- Gen Ed Revisions committee - Bill Hendry, Chair
  - Call for nominations from each division - scheduled to go out in e-mail tonight. Once member from each college and from each division in LAS. Nominations close at week's end. Also three advisors, student rep and ex-officio representatives.
- Kathy Hull's memorial service will be March 31.

- KBOR Update
  - [Amicus Curae brief by SGA's](#) - press release.
  - [Board of Regents resolution](#) - higher ed funding – linked on senate web page.
  - [News article on K-12 funding report](#) – also linked on senate web page.
  - Discussion of appropriate level of faculty - student relationships. Board does not have a policy and wants to make sure institutions have up-to-date policies.
  - Senate Bill 340 on free speech - [news article](#) – similar to bills being looked at in several states. Failed on a tie vote, may be reintroduced.
  - Foresight 2020 - KBOR town halls ongoing. Will be in Wichita at end May.
  - Math pathways - Doing a study with community college data to determine if college algebra requirements are impeding progress toward graduation.
- University facilities (Troy Bruun) has hired a traffic engineering consultant to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety on campus.
- Housing for incoming Freshman is in high demand (Bardo). Approaching capacity.
- Qualtrics contract - no fees, help with survey design from SSL (Charles Burdsel).
- [Attendance for Senators](#) as requested (corrections should be sent to Lee Ann Birdwell).
- PET update - enrollment focus includes undergrads, grads, badges/short courses (paid courses). Courses that serve the community are not the focus.
- Early stage discussion of “Unified Workforce” USS and UP.
- Student Veterans - will be used as a national template.
- April 9, April 23, May 4 (Friday) Faculty Awards/General Faculty Meeting, May 7 (1<sup>st</sup> Monday) final senate meeting/ex committee election for 2018.

## V. Committee Reports

- Rules - [Committee nominees for 2018-19](#) Some discussion ensued regarding how the rules committee was making assignments and how well SGA was doing at appointing student representatives. - List was adopted by verbal vote.

## VI. Old Business

- Tenure and Promotion - coterminous? (2nd reading) [revised language](#)
  - [Current policy](#) - Questions were raised about whether combining the two decisions effectively “raises the bar.” A motion was made to approve the rev 29 in favor and four opposed with one abstention. Motion to bring this decision to general faculty for endorsement was proposed and approved.
- [BA in Applied Sciences](#) (from College of Education) (1st reading)
  - Update on BA in Applied Sciences from College of Education (revisions going to Academic Affairs committee for review) - has returned to faculty affairs executive committee.
  - Revisions to original proposal were presented by Mark Vermillion. Changes were made so that the proposal only includes only one concentration in Education and Innovation. The 2+2 options were removed. The proposal lists 42 credit hours of gen ed and clarifies core competency requirements.

- Discussion - What job is this degree applicable to? A. New jobs. Looking for people with demonstrated skill sets, more that specific degrees. Q. Why is this in COE? A. The COE has many other “non-teaching” degrees. In comparison with BGS, this degree doesn’t necessarily draw from different departments but from different skill sets which don’t necessarily reside in a specific college. It was pointed out that COE will be able to evaluate applied learning experiences with respect to objectives and outcomes. Q. Why is the human wellness a required course? A. An entry point for understanding how the individual fits in the broader environment of leadership, workforce, community, government and business. Q. Why is this different from gen ed? A. Intensive applied learning. The areas described under core competencies were explained in greater detail. BAS is a type of degree that can be offered by other departments. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading scheduled for next Senate meeting.

## **VII. New Business**

- Shelly Coleman-Martins (Strat Comm) - [WSU Now campaign](#) - described new campaign. “WSU Now Campaign”. New campaign is aimed at being more WSU specific. Campaign workshop 2-4 P.M. Friday, April 6 233 RSC (Santa Fe Room).
- Rick Muma - Faculty Career Development - KBOR presentation. Presentation is posted on web site. This year a KBOR goal is faculty career development.

## **VIII. As May Arise**

- Update on elections from Nikki Keene-Woods. Contact Charlie Burdsel to confirm nominations that are willing to serve.
- First year seminar will be on our next agenda.