

Mathew Muether

Monday, October 28th, 2024 - 3:30 pm HH 211

Faculty Senate Meeting



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REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF

DR. JAMES J. RHATIGAN

SEPT. 6, 1935 - OCT. 27, 2024



A national figure in educational activism, Dr. James J. Rhatigan, professor of education and senior vice president emeritus, died yesterday, Sunday, Oct. 27, in Wichita. Rhatigan served Wichita State for nearly six decades, arriving on campus in 1965 as the university's first and the nation's youngest dean of students, at just 30 years old. In 1971, he became vice president for student affairs, holding that position until 1997 and going on to serve as senior vice president until his retirement from WSU in 2002.



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Agenda (Request motion to revise OoB)

- Approval of Sept 23, 2024 Minutes (1 min)
- Informal Statements
- President's Report (10 min)
- New Business
 - HR Update – Vicki Wisenhunt (15 min)
 - Data Classification Policy – Mark Rodee (20 Min)
- Committee Reports (15 min)
 - Rules Committee Report
 - Executive Committee Report
- As May Arise (20 min)
- Adjourn

Approval of Minutes

From Sept 23, 2024

Informal Statements

President's Report

Announcements

- 5.17 Inclement Weather Policy Posted for Final Review
 - Rules committee sent comment last week.
- NTT Forum held September 30th from 3:30-5pm in Hubbard Hall 211.
 - Good participation and discussion.
 - Minutes will be posted.
- Provost Search:
 - 3 candidates visited camp between Oct 10 and Oct 24 (James W. (Jim) Gregory, Ph.D., Monica Lounsbery, Ph.D., Leslie Atkins Durham, Ph.D.)
 - 5 faculty reps on search committee
 - Faculty ExCom met with each candidate
 - General Forum held for each candidate
 - https://www.wichita.edu/administration/president/provost_search.php
 - Final committee feedback request by COB today.
- Faculty and staff virtual town hall set for Oct. 29, 1-2 pm
 - <https://youtube.com/live/FvIQyTUKgjE?feature=share>

Faculty Breakfast with KBOR

- Held October 17th during KBOR Site Visit
- 20 Faculty invited:
 - ExCom, At-Large Senator, Divisional reps, Committee leadership
 - Muether, Rutti, Dowling, Price, Sherif, Small, Stone, Williams, Myose, Hulett, Billingham, Figy, Hammond, Jones, Kuhlmann, Shaw, Showstack, Speer, Yildirim, Wolcutt
- Focuses on 6 Topic discussion informally at tables during breakfast and with the entire group
 - System-wide Gen Ed. (Pathways), Faculty Support, Faculty Research, AI, Enrollment
 - Google Sheet created to capture feedback from participants.

Stock the Locker (Oct 14 to Nov 1)



Last year, the faculty and staff senates collectively donated 4,328 items and \$155 to the locker.

This year targeting 5,000 items and \$500.

Donating items:

- All donations need to be dropped off at the Student Government Association office located in 219 Rhatigan Student Center.

Monetary donations:

- Used to purchase items for the locker, which helps supplement low-donation periods
- [Visit the giving website](http://foundation.wichita.edu/shockerconnectgiving/) to donate financially.

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New Business

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- HR Update – Vicki Whisenhant
- Data Classification Policy – Mark Rodee

Rules Committee Report

Nominations



Atul Rai
At-Large T&P Committee



Patricia O'Sullivan
At-Large NTT Promotion Committee



Claudia Pederson
Accessibility Committee

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Senate Committee Vacancies

- Academic Integrity
 - Fine Arts
 - LAS Humanities
- Faculty Affairs
 - Business
- Faculty Support
 - LAS Social Science
 - Fine Arts
- Planning and Budget
 - Business
 - Fine Arts
- Rules
 - Fine Arts
 - LAS Natural Science
- University Exceptions
 - LAS Humanities

Executive Committee Report

Statement

- Message sent all faculty on October 16th from President Muether on behalf of ExComm

Recent articles have raised concerns about alleged academic misconduct in President Muma's dissertation. In his message to the university on October 7th, President Muma denied these allegations, stating that "an internal inquiry was conducted by the Executive Vice President and Provost" which was "comprehensive and included both an internal review and an external independent review". This inquiry found the dissertation contained "technical omissions that did not rise to the level of misconduct" and the inquiry was subsequently closed. To be transparent and engage in the shared governance process, both President Muma and Provost Lefever have been communicating with Faculty Senate leadership.

I was made aware of these allegations and the review process on Thursday, October 3rd. I then requested the Faculty Senate Executive Committee review the application of the University Misconduct in Research Policy (9.13) to this matter and to recommend appropriate follow-up actions. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee consists of 8 faculty members from 7 academic divisions across campus. They represent both tenure-track and NTT faculty.

ExCom Continued

On Friday, October 11th, the executive committee met to conduct a review of the application of Policy 9.13 to these matters. The meeting opened and was immediately called into an executive session. The committee was provided with the reports from the internal misconduct inquiry and the external reviews. The committee also spoke with Provost Lefever and President Muma about the review process.

The committee unanimously found that the University Misconduct in Research Policy (9.13) was appropriately and fairly applied in this matter following process afforded to all WSU faculty. The committee is recommending no further action related to this matter.

- We have not received any additional requests for agenda items or actions related to this.

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