

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 8, 2021

3:30-5:00 pm Virtual meeting held via Zoom

[Attendance 2021-2022](#)

Senators Present: Allen, Asmatulu, Bailey, Billingham, Bowen, Bray, Buerge, Bukonda, Byun, Carlson, Castro, Celestin, Cerri, Connor, Dowling, Dudley, Figy, Hakansson, Hammond, Jarman, Lockard, Marble-Flint, Meyer, Moody, Muether, Mullins, Muthitacharoen, Myose, Newman, Parham, Pisano, Price, Pulaski, Rai, Ramanan, Richburg, Ross, Sherwood, Small, Williams, Zewde.

Excused: -

Absent: Baker, Bann, Boldsai Khan, Decker, Hepburn, Johnson, Kalomo, Lee, Rawson, Solomey, Stone, Tamtam, Wallace.

Agenda Item	Notes/Discussion/Process	Outcome/Action/Completed
Call to order	3:30 pm	
Informal statements and proposals	None	
Approval of minutes	October 25, 2021	MSC
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid FAQs • Recent Vaccination & Mask Requirements update • Next KBOR meeting will be November 17. 	
Committee Reports	None	
SEM Update Associate Vice President Carolyn Shaw	AVP Shaw presented an update on the 2025 SEM plan . Senators inquired about goals for non-degree courses and lifelong learning courses, specifically as relates to the overhead of the CIM process for such courses.	
Faculty Senate Rules policies updates Susan Castro, Chair of the Rules committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Meeting Voting for Senate Meetings (1st Read). Motion to approve (Billingham, second Cerri); proposal to vote directly on the policy, disregarding the second read (Allen, second Small). • Electronic Meeting Voting for General Faculty Meetings (1st Read) Motion to approve (Bowen, second Zewde); discussion is around whether faculty not in attendance could vote. Senator Castro notes that has never been the policy and would require a future policy change. Amendment to add language “except that all faculty are voting members,” clarifying the electorate. Motion to approve the amendment (Allen, second Dowling) Motion to waive the second read (Allen, second Dowling) Motion to vote on the proposal (Allen, second Myose) 	<p>Proposal to waive second read passes 38 – 0 (zoom poll) Proposal passes 38 – 1 (zoom poll)</p> <p>Amendment passes by unanimous voice vote. Motion passes 37 – 0 (zoom poll) Proposal passes 38 – 0 (zoom poll)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informational update, Rules committee is updating Faculty Senate policies to align with university policies on T&P committees. A proposal will come at a future meeting. 	
A+ Proposal Raina Rutti, Chair of Academic Affairs committee	<p>A+ Proposal (1st read). Professor Rutti noted that the Academic Affairs committee supported the option for faculty to award an A+ to students. Senators raised several concerns, in particular, in 2008 the Faculty Senate enacted the +/- system and the policy was made mandatory while the A+ proposal is optional. Registrar Crabtree notes that the +/- is not optional, while Provost Lefever and University Academic Affairs note that it is optional. Academic Affairs will clarify this point. Senators also raised questions about the purpose of the policy and whether it would have a positive impact on student retention.</p> <p>Senator Myose noted:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The A+ question was previously considered in a 2008 survey to the entire faculty when the +/- grading system was – plurality of faculty opposed (46% to 40%) including A+ with a majority (54% to 46%) preferring 4.0 grade point for A+ rather than 4.3 grade point if an A+ grade were implemented.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Current proposal is unclear whether individual faculty have the academic freedom NOT to include an A+ grade so the proposal wording should be amended to clarify this.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">An opinion was expressed that if an A+ with 4.3 grade point were implemented, students from WSU applying to graduate school may be at a disadvantage compared to students with the same GPA from another school which has a top scale of 4.0.</p>	
Market-based compensation plan discussion	<p>Motion to extend the meeting (Castro, second Allen).</p> <p>Senator Allen makes a motion to charge the Senate’s Academic Planning and Budget committee to review the market-based compensation plan. (Allen, second Billingham).</p>	<p>Motion passes 23 – 10 (zoom poll)</p> <p>Motion passes</p>
As May Arise	None	

Adjourn: 5:21pm

Next Senate Meeting: November 22, 2021, 3:30-5:00 pm, via Zoom.

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