

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 22, 2021

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

[Attendance 2021-2022](#)

Senators Present: Allen, Bailey, Billingham, Bowen, Bray, Carlson, Castro, Celestin, Cerri, Connor, Decker, Dowling, Dudley, Figy, Hakansson, Hammond, Lee, Meyer, Muether, Mullins, Myose, Parham, Pisano, Price, Pulaski, Ramanan, Ross, Sherwood, Small, Williams, Zewde.

Excused: Asmatulu, Jarman, Marble-Flint.

Absent: Baker, Bann, Boldsaikhan, Buerge, Bukonda, Byun, Hepburn, Johnson, Kalomo, Lockard, Moody, Muthitacharoen, Newman, Rai, Rawson, Richburg, 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	November 8, 2021	MSC
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covid FAQs• Senator Responsibilities – reminder that senators are to attend Faculty Senate meetings. If there is a scheduling conflict, please contact President Bailey so that a replacement senator can be chosen to ensure representation of constituents.• Ad Hoc Committee: “Faculty Activity Documentation Review Taskforce”.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Charge: Review all the documentation completed by faculty for the FAR and Tenure & Promotion processes to bring all activities into alignment. Review electronic platforms for effective teaching evaluation instruments and faculty activity documentation with the Chief Data Officer.○ Composition: 9 faculty, one from each of the Senate divisions with at least 2 NTT representatives. Faculty must have served on their College or the University Tenure & Promotion Committees (TT or NTT)○ To submit a candidate for the committee, please complete this Qualtrics survey.• KBOR Update on finance and academic affairs. Two new masters’ programs were approved for WSU. Counsel of Faculty Senate Presidents raised concerns to the Board that faculty are feeling significant stress without additional resources and morale is low.• Legislative update – the Kansas Legislature is in special session discussing bills on masks and vaccine mandates; a tax bill might be introduced impacting the FY22 budget• Clinton Hall Update – Steve Clark and Jane Huesemann gave a presentation on the design of the remodeling of Clinton Hall. Senators asked questions about design,	

	<p>accessibility, and energy efficiency. Senators also inquired about use of the vacated space across campus. Those questions will be asked of the relevant individual and addressed in the future.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p>Accessibility Committee – John Hammond, chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Office of Instructional Resources is forming a faculty committee to help develop an in-house course ‘quality’ program to replace Quality Matters in helping design courses for online/hybrid/and traditional instructional methods to meet student needs. Interested faculty should email Hammond. 	
<p>A+ Proposal Raina Rutti, Chair of Academic Affairs committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A+ Proposal (2nd Read) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Raina Rutti – Chair, Academic Affairs Committee ○ SGA Resolution ○ Previous Senate discussion on grading scale (April 14, 2008) <p>Senator Myose raised the question about whether the A+ grade is mandatory or optional. President Bailey shared that the Executive Committee reviewed all available documentation from the 2008 Senate session which enacted the original +/- grading system and unanimously agreed that the current +/- system is mandatory. Senator Myose made a friendly amendment to add that the A+ grade would be made mandatory in line with the rest of +/- grading. Dr. Rutti accepted the friendly amendment.</p> <p>Senator Castro noted that if faculty are unhappy with the +/- being mandatory, it should be raised as a proposal in the spring semester. Senators then spoke in favor and opposition of the proposal.</p> <p>Senator Castro called the question to vote on the proposals.</p> <p>Option 1: Proposed - the grading system shall be revised to include an A+ letter grade with a grade point value of 4.3. Instructors shall include what criteria must be met in order to earn an A+ grade in the course syllabus.</p> <p>Option 2: Proposed - the grading system shall be revised to include an A+ letter grade with a grade point value of 4.0. Instructors shall include what criteria must be met in order to earn an A+ grade in the course syllabus.</p>	<p>Vote via Zoom poll. 1 in favor, 29 against. Proposal fails.</p> <p>Vote via Zoom poll. 7 in favor, 23 against. Proposal fails.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composition of University T&P Committee (1st Read) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susan Castro – Chair, Rules Committee <p>Senator Allen makes a motion to approve the proposal (second, Bray). Senators clarified that the proposal brings the Faculty Senate policies in line with current practice and that the college-level promotion guidelines for NTT will not be changed. Castro noted in both cases that there is no change to existing policy and practice in T&P.</p>	<p>Vote via Zoom poll. 27 in favor, 0 against. Proposal passes.</p>

As May Arise	<p>Senator Myose stated that NTT faculty as important to the university and that he thinks it is important to express that to the administration.</p> <p>Senator Allen followed up noting that longer term appointments should be available to NTT faculty who have been promoted to give them certainty in their position and that the administration should deal with immediately. President Bailey noted that KBOR policy needs to be considered, but it will be discussed.</p> <p>President Bailey also shared a thank you to all senators for their service this semester and wished everyone a good break.</p>	
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Adjourn: 5:21 pm

Next Senate Meeting: January 24, 2022, 3:30-5:00 pm, via Zoom.

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