

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 25, 2024**  
**3:30-5:00 pm** Hubbard Hall 211; Club 95

**Attendance**

Amos, Asmatulu, Billingham, Bowen, Boynton, Celestin, Chang, Cooper, Delacruz, Dowling, Dudley, Figy, Gilstrap, Hulett, Jamkartanian, Kirby, Kuhlman, Li, Loibl, Ma, Marble-Flint, Markova, Moody, Muether, Myose, Nelson, Nicks, Ott, Pang, Price, Proctor, Ross, Sherif, Sherwood, Showstack, Small, Sterrett, Stone, Sun, Tew, Thompson N., Thompson, V., Williams.

**Excused:** Butler, Cossell, Foster, Gregory, Jarman, Lynch, Ray.

**Absent:** Bussard, Moscoso, Rai, Zhu.

**Call to Order (Meeting Slide Deck)**

- President Muether at 3:30 – brief overview of agenda and then information on moving to Club 95.

**Approval of Minutes**

- November 11, 2024 – passed unanimously as submitted

**Informal Statements**

- None

**President's Report**

- Senior VP for Administration, Finance and Operations has separated from the University. David Miller is serving as Interim VP through roughly May 2025.
  - Question regarding prior VP. This information is personnel-related and has not been disclosed. No further information is available at this time.
- KBOR Update – Meeting held in Manhattan to coincide with KBOR's site visit to KSU. See PPT slide deck #5-6 for details.
  - Question regarding "First-15" KBOR initiative. Provost Lefever clarified that the goal is to provide 15 hours of college credit at no cost to high school students. KBOR will call a taskforce to look at needed resources, feasibility, and provide recommendations.

**Committee Reports**

- No voting business. President-Elect Stone reports that the committee will work over winter break on updating current standing committees and will bring forward recommendations in spring 2025.

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- New policy 5.15 – Inclement Weather. Provost Lefever shared the rationale for the new policy: a history of early-morning decisions and have always had programs that did not

“fit” decisions. Goal is to have a policy that allows faculty to plan ahead. Recognition that a perfect policy with one option is not possible. Current draft version shared via overhead projector, electronic copy not available. Faculty should add statements to their syllabi regarding their plan for each of their courses in the case of inclement weather or emergencies – faculty have the discretion to cancel class if they choose. Opened to comments and suggestions from senators, including but not limited to:

- Concern that the option to cancel courses is not clear in the current policy draft.
- Discussion and suggestions shared to clarify that faculty have the discretion to determine what happens during inclement weather.
- Discussion on applied learning/clinical sites.
- Emphasis on including very clear expectations in syllabi.
- Recommendation for this to be presented to SGA.
- Follow-up: Policy will be brought back to Faculty Senate (FS) Exec and FS for further feedback after recommendations are reviewed.

### **As May Arise**

- Senator Showstack – reminder that she is working towards stronger support for interdisciplinary research; meets with VP Harter tomorrow, seeking Senator input and/or collaboration on this effort - reach out to Senator Showstack with comments.
- Senator Price – Requested additional detail regarding KBOR’s “First-15” initiative be shared with FS.
- Agenda paused at 4:19 to move to Club 95; resumed at approximately 4:35.
- President Muma – shared statements on the history and purpose of Club 95. Q&A session.
- President Muether recognized Provost Lefever for her years of service to WSU and gifted her a token of FS appreciation.

### **Adjourn**

- Next meeting is January 13, 2025, at 3:30pm in Hubbard Hall 211.
- President Muether adjourned the meeting at 5:00

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Williams