

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2025

3:30-5:00 pm Hubbard Hall 211

Attendance

Amos, Asmatulu, Billingham, Celestin, Cooper, Delacruz, Dowling, Dudley, Figy, Foster, Gilstrap, Hulett, Jamkartanian, Jarman, Kirby, Kuhlman, Li, Loibl, Lynch, Marble-Flint, Markova, Moody, Muether, Myose, Nelson, Nicks, Ott, Price, Proctor, Rai, Ray, Ross, Sherif, Sherwood, Showstack, Small, Sterrett, Stone, Sun, Thompson N., Thompson, V., Williams.

Excused: Bowen, Boynton, Bussard, Butler, Cossell, Price, Proctor, Rai, Ray, Tew, Zhu.

Absent: Chang, Gregory, Ma, Moscoso, Pang.

Call to Order (Meeting Slide Deck)

- President Muether at 3:31

Approval of Minutes

- November 25, 2024 – passed unanimously as submitted

Informal Statements

- None

President's Report

- KBOR Update – Met on 12/18/24. Updated academic calendar for fall 2025 approved; brief review of recommended financial allocations to WSU; program review metrics have been updated. See meeting slide deck #3-6.
- Follow-up on meeting format/structure to allow remote attendance – Executive team is researching other venues and options. Visited with Staff Senate regarding their process. The cost of their set-up is prohibitive for Faculty Senate (FS). Plan to host one trial meeting at a different site. More information to come.

Committee Reports

- None

Old Business

- 5.17 / Inclement Weather Policy Update – Marked-up version from FS in November was sent to General Counsel (GC); updated version reviewed today. Particular attention to section C. Concerns remain regarding:
 - For those faculty that choose to be synchronous during a remote shutdown, that poses a potential equity issue for some students who may not have access to attend during a remote event.
 - That the language isn't clear enough that cancelling classes is an option in section C-1-a.

Discussion regarding there will be syllabus template language provided; the communication language from the university during a inclement/emergency event will likely be updated as well once this policy is finalized.

Request for Academic Affairs to come to FS in a month with syllabus template language.

President Muether will communicate FS thoughts to GC and with Academic Affairs.

New Business

- Welcome – Senior Executive Vice President and Provost Monica Lounsbery - Brief remarks from Provost Lounsbery followed by comments/questions from senators.
- Blueprint for Literacy update – Dr. Kim Wilson and Dean Friend – [see document](#). Direct questions to Dr. Wilson – contact info on document.
- Update of KBOR Faculty Award Eligibility to include non-tenure track (NTT) - Anticipate that KBOR will approve the addition of NTT for awards. Review of the [updated form](#) and process. FS executive committee will pick candidates this round but will look for a permanent “home” after this cycle. Limit nominations to 15 pages for now.

President Muether will send out the form to senators soon. Q&A:

- Are current/sitting senators eligible for nomination? Yes.
- Are NTT nominations required to submit evidence of scholarship/research? This section was left on the form as many NTT faculty are involved in scholarship/research.
- How much evidence is needed? KBOR has left the nomination process up to each institution.
- How do you submit evidence of publications given the page limit? Suggest use a hyperlink, or title page/abstract, or DOI.

Motion and second from Senators Myose and Billingham, respectively, to adopt NTT award internally if KBOR decides to not recognize. Motion passed.

As May Arise

- John Jones, Executive Director of Media Resources Center, reminds everyone that the Academic Resources Conference is this week.

Adjourn

- Next meeting is January 27, 2025, at 3:30pm in Hubbard Hall 211.
- President Muether adjourned the meeting at 5:00

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Williams