

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 8, 2021

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

Attendance 2020-2021

Senators Present: Allen, Asmatulu, Bailey, Billingham, Bowen, Buerge, Byun, Carlson, Cerri, Connor, Core, Decker, Dehner, Dowling, Figy, Hakansson, Hammond, Hull, Jarman, Lee, Lockard, Ma, Marble-Flint, Markova, Millar, Moody, Mozzani, Muthitacharoen, Myose, Navarro, Newman, Parham, Price, Pulaski, Ramanan, Rawson, Robinson, Ross, Schwartz, Small, Solomey, Sternfeld-Dunn, Sylvester, Tamtam, Weheba, Williams.

Excused: Millar

Absent: Bann, Bray, Bukonda, Celestin, Flynn, Johnson, Kalomo, Mullins.

Agenda Item	Notes / Discussion / Process / External Link	Outcome/Action/Completed
Call to order	3:30 pm	
Informal statements and proposals	-	
Approval of minutes	February 1, 2021	MSC
President's Report Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Spring OAT Report University Press of Kansas information and introduction; will return with more information in a future meeting. 	
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations to committees: Accessibility, University Research Proposed Temporary Electronic Voting Policy Revision-Second Read; no questions/comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slate passes unanimously. Vote via Zoom poll; passes 36 to 1.
Discussion of COFSP statement	Council of Faculty Senate President Joint Statement -Second Read; motion to submit to a vote by Senator Allen, second by Senator Weheba.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote via Zoom poll; passes 34 - 3.
SEM Update Associate Vice President Carolyn Shaw	Dr. Shaw presented an update on the initial SEM Goals for 2020, specifically progress on goals 1 through 11. She then discussed new SEM goals for 2025.	
Resolution in opposition to KBOR's COVID-19 policy on Dismissal	<p>A resolution is presented in which “the faculty of Wichita State University denounce the Kansas Board of Regents’ COVID-Related Force Reduction Policy” and “call upon the Regents to rescind this policy.” Discussion revolves around the question of a vote of no confidence in KBOR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to submit to a vote by Senator Bowen, second by Senator Schwarz. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote via Zoom poll; passes 27 - 9.

<p>Vote on No Confidence in Board of Regents</p>	<p>Discussion returns to a vote on No Confidence in KBOR. Senators discuss the relative merits of such a vote. President Sternfeld-Dunn outlined his planned speech at KBOR’s 2/17 meeting. Discussion returns to the benefits of tenure and academic freedom to society. Discussion on parliamentary procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion to table the vote of no confidence is posed by Senator Weheba. Senator Allen seconds. • A motion to postpone indefinitely is posed by Senator Pulaski; Senator Allen seconds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote via Zoom poll; fails 11 - 26. • Vote via Zoom poll; passes 24 - 12.
<p>As May Arise</p>	<p>Senator Weheba asks to ensure the proposed statement in no confidence in the Board remains in the Senate record. It will.</p>	

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

Adjourn: 5:09 pm

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