

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 10, 2025
3:30-5:00 pm Hubbard Hall 211

Attendance

Present: Amos, Asmatulu, Billingham, Bowen, Boynton, Bussard, Butler, Cooper, Cossell, Delacruz, Dowling, Dudley, Figy, Foster, Gilstrap, Jamkartanian, Jarman, Kirby, Kuhlman, Li, Loibl, Ma, Marble-Flint, Moody, Moscoso, Muether, Myose, Nelson, Nicks, Ott, Price, Rai, Rani, Ray, Ross, Sherif, Sherwood, Showstack, Small, Sterrett, Stone, Sun, Thompson N., Thompson, V., Williams, Zhu.

Excused: Celestin, Lynch, Pang, Proctor, Tew.

Absent: Bussard, Gregory, Hulett, Markova.

Call to Order

- President Muether at 3:31 pm – [Meeting Slide Deck](#)

Approval of Minutes

- [February 24, 2025](#) – passed unanimously as submitted

Informal Statements

- Senator N. Thompson – [Comments](#) regarding recent power outage.

President's Report

- Updates on HB 2348
 - See meeting slide deck 5-8.
 - Z. Gearhart shared update as of today: with such short time left in session it is unlikely the bill will move forward; there may be another tenure bill brought forward with a focus on “what tenure is”. Hasn’t seen any drafts yet. Will keep everyone updated. The bill is a “blessed bill” which means regular rules do not apply to it. But, seems unlikely that a formal bill will be voted on regarding tenure this session; may be brought forward again next year. Legislators were actively referring to our resolution during session.
 - [HB 2402](#) has been put forward to establish a Blue-Ribbon committee to study higher ed. WSU is one of the “big three universities” referred to in the bill. [Link](#) to follow the bill.
 - Gearhart answered several questions from Senators, bottom line is that there is no guarantee what will happen with HB2402 this session, just have to keep monitoring.
 - Joint statement from WSU, KU, and KSU Faculty Senate (FS) Presidents. Brief overview provided by President Muether. FS unanimously voted for President Muether to sign the statement.

Committee Reports

- None

Old Business

- Continued discussion of 11.10 Poster/Flyer Policy for [University Grounds and Facilities, Comparisons](#) and 11.12 Use of [University Campus for Free Expression Activities, Comparisons](#)
 - Considerable discussion among Senators and Dr. Teri Hall, Vice President for Student Affairs. Many senators voice concerns over the clarity and intent of the updates to policy 11.12. Clarifications from Dr. Hall:
 - Student Affairs has never turned down any event/protest/etc. Asks Senators to consider the policy as reservations for space, to avoid students being at the same place than it is approval for their events.
 - “Hate speech” isn’t defined, so this policy is intended to clarify what is and what isn’t allowed. The intent is to prevent harm and or damage.
 - Dr. Hall is not the only person who reviews the requests – chief of police, university scheduling, roughly 5 people. It is more of a notification to the group than it is an approval. This may need clarification the policy.
 - Dr. Hall wants students to be able to use their free speech and she’s on faculty’s side; this policy is more open than the prior policy. Mostly is to ensure that protests do not interfere with classes.
 - Next steps: Needs to go to the President’s Executive Team (PET) for further discussion. Goal is to approve within a few weeks. Encourages senators to reach out to her with specific revisions and/or comments, things to consider. FS Executive Committee will have Dr. Hall at next meeting to discuss and any further senator comments; will bring updates to FS.
 - Clarifications from D. Hilliard, General Counsel’s office
 - The “Content Neutral” section (3b) is speaking to scheduling requirements; is based on case law. Would be very hard to be specific in this language and will be case-by-case basis.
 - No discussion on 11.10.

New Business

- None

As May Arise

- None

Adjourn

- Next meeting is March 24, 2025, at 3:30 pm in Hubbard Hall 211.
- President Muether adjourned the meeting at 4:40 pm.

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Williams