

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 28, 2025

3:30-5:00 pm Hubbard Hall 211

Attendance

Present: Asmatulu, Billingham, Bowen, Boynton, Bussard, Butler, Celestin, Cooper, Cossell, Delacruz, Dowling, Foster, Gilstrap, Hulett, Jamkartanian, Kirby, Kuhlman, Loibl, Lynch, Ma, Marble-Flint, Markova, Moody, Moscoso, Muether, Myose, Nelson, Nicks, Ott, Price, Proctor, Rani, Ray, Ross, Sherif, Sherwood, Showstack, Small, Sterrett, Stone, Tew, Thompson N., Williams.

Excused: Amos, Chang, Figy, Li, Pang, Thompson, V., Zhu.

Absent: Gregory, Moody, Sun, Zhu.

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

- [April 14, 2025](#) – passed unanimously as submitted

Informal Statements

- Senator Price – comments on Library and accessioning and deaccessioning items and an opportunity to develop communication channels between faculty and Ablah Library.

President's Report

- Next meeting – will be in Woolsey 110 instead of RSC. RSC room will not work due to cost and size.
- Legislative proviso – see meeting slide deck #4. University has received the certification requirements and will respond no later than 8/1/25.
- SCCS – satisfaction/feedback survey for their services. See QR code in slide deck #5.

Committee Reports

- Planning and Budget Committee Report – President Muether
 - Review of the [draft report](#).
 - Senator Billingham requested source for the statement regarding the mill levy primarily used for debt service. President Muether clarified the information came directly from a Sedgwick County commissioner.

Old Business

- Summary of [Proposals](#) – Sunset several committees, stand up new student success committee, change composition and charges of Planning and Budget Committee.
- Senate Standing Committee structure [proposal](#) - 2nd read – President-Elect Stone
- Sunset and Student Success – discussion/questions
 - Senator Myose proposes the name be Student Affairs Committee.
 - How UG Research Office was collaborated with; President-Elect Stone reached out and discussed
 - Questions on how much “power” this committee has for things like decisions on academic integrity – can this committee override those decisions. Clarification from President-Elect Stone is – no, this committee will not override other committee decisions.
 - What decisions will this committee be responsible for – updating academic

integrity policies and UG research forum are two current ones. See charges on proposal.

- Question on why striking library charge from Faculty Support Committee.
- Recommendation to leave library committee as a standalone committee and update the Library Committee charges to review its own charges and update to include regular consultation with faculty on the topic of deaccessioning.
- Voting
 - Sunset proposal
 - Friendly amendment accepted to remove sunseting the Library Committee
 - Approved unanimously as amended.
 - New Student Success Committee
 - Friendly amendment accepted to name the committee Student Affairs
 - Approved unanimously as amended.
- Planning and Budget Committee – discussion/questions
 - Statements on the history of the mill levy charge and recommendation to not remove the mill levy charge.
 - Voting
 - Senator Billingham – amendment proposed to approve composition changes and update to charge #4, keep charges 5 and 6 as current. Seconded. 11 yay, 20 nay. Motion failed.
 - Vote on proposal as submitted passed 24 yay, 7 nay. Motion passes.

New Business

- SEAS [Report](#) – Dr. Brett Bruner, AVP Student Success and Persistence, and Dr. Ashlie Jack, Senior Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Enrollment Management
 - Reviewed [presentation](#); also ask that faculty who have no SEAS to submit to mark as such in the SEAS system for the appropriate course(s).
 - Comments/discussion
 - Some faculty have noticed students just drop classes when they receive a SEAS.
 - Students report receiving “cold” emails from instructors – which are actually auto-sent by the system, not the instructor.
 - Students don’t read emails – is it possible to do a text version of the SEAS email?
 - Avoid submitting SEAS because the emails feel unfeeling/disconnected.
 - Some faculty submit the SEAS, but also send a separate email to the student that connects with the student.
 - Drs. Bruner and Jack will review the comments and suggestions.
- Budget Discussion – David Miller, Senior Vice President for Administration, Finance and Operations, and Lyndsay Pletcher, University Senior Budget Analyst
 - Reviewed [presentation](#)
 - Motion and approval to extend meeting by 15 minutes.
 - Comments/discussion
 - Have they considered moving to Division 2 in the NCAA to avoid the NIL impact? Per Kevin Saal, Director of Athletics – yes was discussed but

ultimately decided to remain as it is a university goal to be competitive in athletics.

- Plans for ROI? Athletes seem more like employees than athletes.
 - Per Saal, athletes sign a 16-page revenue sharing contract that covers a wide variety of value metrics.
 - Projection for faculty compensation? What steps are being taken to prioritize faculty compensation. Per Miller – it comes down to a few things: how much does state appropriate to us for SGF. Another is enrollment. Third is efficiency.
 - What can we do to improve attendance at WSU games? Per Saal, exposure, opportunities to connect fanbase with student athletes, looking at different revenue streams. Restructuring prices of season tickets. Develop individual players.
- PIAC Report – Tabled to next meeting

As May Arise

- None

Adjourn

- Next meeting is May 12, 2025, at 3:30pm in Woolsey Hall.
- President Muether adjourned the meeting at 5:19.

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Williams