

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 8, 2024

3:30-5:00 pm Woolsey Hall 110A

Attendance

Present: Ahmed, Allen, Billingham, Bowen, Bussard, Butler, Castro, Celestin, Chang, Cluff, Connor, Cooper, Dehner, Delacruz, Dowling, Dudley, Gilstrap, Heilman, Hulett, Jamkartanian, Jarman, Lynch, Marble-Flint, Moody, Moscoso, Muether, Myose, Nicks, Pang, Pulaski, Ross, Salinas Monroy, Sherif, Sherwood, Small, Sterrett, Tew, Thompson, Urick, Williams.

Excused: Figy, Hammond, Parham, Price, Proctor, Rai, Wallace

Absent: Barut, Bradley, Bubp, Kuhlman, Markova, Musaji, Solomey

Call to Order

- President Dowling called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm
 - Senators are reminded to sit forward in the room.
 - We now have standing mics at the front of the room for attendee comments.

Approval of the Minutes

- The minutes for [March 25, 2024](#) were approved.

Informal Statements and Proposals

- None

President's Report

- The NTT Town Hall has been deferred to Fall 2024; NTT faculty are asked to please be thinking about topics for discussion.
- Did not receive information on Tilford Conference in time for today's meeting, but faculty are reminded that the conference is coming up.
- Reminder that the GRASP Symposium is April 26; faculty are encouraged to attend and participate.
- Executive Search Committees
 - Retirees are wished the best.
 - President Muma asked FS President Dowling to sit faculty on the search committees. The Provost Search Committee is to have 5 faculty members, to include the FS President; the VP of Finance and Administration Search Committee is to have 1 faculty member. President Dowling called a special meeting of the FS Executive Committee to discuss options.
 - Provost Search – FS Executive Committee selected both FS President Dowling and FS President-Elect Muether, to align with FS Presidential transition. A call was made for any faculty who are interested in serving to self-nominate and email President Dowling or President-Elect Muether. It should be noted that the search committee will serve during the summer, so will need to be willing to be available during this time. FS Executive Committee will choose the remaining 3 faculty members based

- on nominations received. All interested faculty are encouraged to submit their name to serve.
- VP of Finance and Administration Search – FS Executive Committee appointed a faculty member from the FS Planning and Budget Committee.
- Method of participation (face-to-face, online, etc.) in both search committees will be determined by the respective search Chairs.
- [Annual Update from the Faculty Athletics Representative](#) available on the Faculty Senate website. Informational only.
- Save the Date: General Faculty Meeting April 29th at 3:30 pm in Woolsey Hall. Informational only.

Committee Reports

- Rules Committee – President-Elect and Chair, Dr. Mat Muether
 - Interim Committee or Senate appointments – URCAF had some issues with pulling the committee together this spring and selecting a Chair. Rules committee has seated an Interim Chair, John Hammond. Confirmed by unanimous vote.
 - The FS formally thanks John Hammond for his work to date to get the conference up and running.
 - [Policy 4.13 Chair Policy & Procedures: Revisions to Eligibility](#), 2nd Read and vote. Proposed language reviewed. Goal is to bring this part of the policy into alignment with current practice. No comments or discussion. Passed via unanimous vote.
 - Call for Faculty Grievance Committee Conveners [Policy 4.04 \(IV.A.7\)](#). The policy is to have a set of conveners available, but has not been filled for past few years. Brief overview of the convener role as non-voting but rather organizing/ facilitating the grievance proceedings. Any Senator interested in serving is asked to email President-Elect Muether.

Old Business

- [Enrollment Update](#) – Dr. Ashlie Jack, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness. Please see PowerPoint on FS website. The actions on slide 2 are showing positive results so far. In addition to the slide information, the first 1000 students who enroll during preregistration and remain enrolled on the 20th day will receive an application fee refund.
 - Faculty who are interested in reviewing the weekly data reports are referred to their Dean.
- [Ombuds Charter informational](#) out of GC – Dr. Carolyn Shaw - Brief overview of GC updates to the previously approved charter – none are substantive to the intent of the charter. No questions brought forward. The charter will be presented at the General Faculty Meeting for final approval.
 - FS wishes to recognize GC for their prompt attention to this matter.

New Business

- [KBOR Faculty of the Year Award](#) – [Award Criteria](#) – President Dowling.
This document comes out of CoFSP for approval. The award has been inactive recently; current KBOR president wants to get it reinstated. Approved by unanimous vote.
 - Note: KBOR Council of Faculty Senate Presidents has recommended KBOR consider similar awards for NTT Faculty and University Staff.

As May Arise

- President Dowling shared that Zach Gearhart, Chief of Staff, stated there will be 6 people on the VP of Finance and Administration Search Committee, with representation of multiple constituencies.

Adjournment

- President Dowling adjourned the meeting at 4:19 pm.

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Williams

Upcoming meetings:

- General Faculty Meeting, April 29, 2024, In person only
- Faculty Senate Meeting, May 13, 2024