

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2023

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

Attendance

Ahmed, Allen, Barut, Billingham, Bowen, Boynton, Bussard, Butler, Castro, Celestin, Chang, Dehner, Delacruz, Dowling, Dudley, Gilstrap, Hammond, Hulett, Jamkartanian, Kuhlman, Lynch, Marble-Flint, Markova, Moody, Moscoso, Muether, Musaji, Myose, Nicks, Pang, Parham, Price, Pulaski, Rai, Ross, Salinas Monroy, Sherif, Sherwood, Solomey, Sterrett, Storrer, Tew, Thompson, Wallace, Williams.

Excused: Cluff, Figy, Heilman, Jarman, Small

Absent: Alberton, Bubb

Approval of the minutes

Minutes from [August 28, 2023](#) – Secretary Hammond suggested a needed adjustment and a spelling error was corrected. Motioned, seconded, and carried as amended.

Informal Statements and Proposals

- Senator Pulaski called for a moment of silence:
Given that today is the 22nd anniversary of terrorist attacks on our country, in honor of the nearly 3,000 people who died in those attacks and in appreciation of our veterans, military and first responders, I would like to request that the faculty senate engage in a moment of silence.
- Senator Allen suggested considering a shuttle bus to bring faculty from one side of campus to Woolsey.

President's Report

- SB 180
President Dowling noted that part of WSU's strategic plan is inclusive excellence. The [Sunflower reported a response from WSU on SB 180 on July 3](#). The University has been mapping locations for gender neutral bathrooms. Zach Gearhart, university Chief of Staff, noted that the General Council's office analyzed the legislation and found that there are no changes to our practices as a university. He noted that Faculty can play a role in sharing that everyone is welcome here. The Faculty Advisor for SPECTRUM and the cochair of the LGBTQ Taskforce shared that there is still a concern from students that there is no formal statement from the administration.
- Program Review
KBOR asked universities to define the term "mission critical," and [WSU has put forward the definition](#) which ties the term to the three core priorities of the university.

Committee Reports

- Rules Committee – Mathew Muether, Chair
 - Rules Committee brought forward a nominee to serve on the Senate, and many nominees for committee service. The nominees were approved by unanimous voice vote.

 - Rules also brought forward a policy change to modify the make up of the General Education Committee, formally adding the FYS Coordinator or designee and a member from the Honors College as ex-officio members. After discussion, Muether accepted the friendly amendment to make the Honors member, “Honors College Dean or designee.” The question is called, and the rule change is accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- [Office of Civil Rights, Title IX, & ADA Compliance](#) – Dr. Courtney McHenry
AVP Henry and Assistant Director Preston Schroeder introduced themselves to the Senate and McHenry discussed the restructuring from the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) to Office of Civil Rights, Title IX, and ADA Compliance (CTAC). Title IX changes are under way once again that will change the jurisdiction for investigations. Currently the jurisdiction is “on campus,” meaning that CTAC cannot *investigate* in certain areas. This was discussed at length on campus. McHenry assured the Senate that all students, staff, and faculty are heard. They are given resources and appropriate referrals, stating “I can say you have the right people in your corner to help.”

After feedback from across campus, there will be new annual trainings that take 45-60 minutes for students, 40 minutes for faculty, and an annual refresher course which will be 25-30 minutes in length and will not be the same each year.

As May Arise

None

Adjournment

President Dowling adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm.

Minutes prepared by John Hammond

Next Senate Meeting: September 25, 2023