

# Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

## Monday, September 23, 2024

### 3:30-5:00 pm Hubbard Hall 211

#### Attendance

Amos, Billingham, Bowen, Bussard, Butler, Celestin, Chang, Cooper, Cossell, Delacruz, Dudley, Figy, Foster, Gilstrap, Gregory, Hulett, Jamkartanian, Kirby, Kuhlman, Loibl, Lynch, Ma, Marble-Flint, Markova, Moody, Moscoso, Muether, Myose, Nicks, Ott, Price, Proctor, Ray, Ross, Sherif, Sherwood, Small, Sterrett, Stone, Thompson N., Williams.

**Excused:** Boynton, Dowling, Jarman, Li, Pang, Showstack, Thompson, V.

**Absent:** Asmatulu, Moscoso, Rai, Tew.

#### Call to Order

- President Muether at 3:32
- Adjustment to agenda approved by consensus

#### New Business

- Research Office, Pierre Harter, Associate Vice President for Industry and Defense Programs, Research Operations – Introduced to Senate and shared background. Goal is to reach R1 status. Three primary foci right now are 1) high performance computing; 2) creating new areas for collaboration across campus and the community; 3) launch the Kansas Center for Advancement of Healthcare. Rationale for R1 goal is that it opens up more opportunities for funding, both federal and non-federal grants and students benefit from more prestigious and therefore more competitive. Will also be working to ensure institutional support structure for R1 needs.

#### Approval of Minutes

- [September 9, 2024](#) – passed unanimously as submitted

#### Informal Statement

- None

#### President's Report

- 5.17 Inclement Weather Policy has been assigned to Rules Committee for review and recommendations.
- Non-tenure track (NTT) Forum – September 30<sup>th</sup>. The regular FS meeting has been cancelled. All NTT faculty encouraged to attend; will be announcements in WSU Today.
- SCCS Hearing Pool Term Policy Review – has been assigned to the Academic Integrity Committee for review and recommendations.
- News from KBOR Meeting – See President Muether's [slide deck, #8](#); substantial discussion was held on updating program review metrics. KBOR will be at WSU for a site visit on October 16-17.
- Committee of Faculty Senate Presidents (COFSP) Meeting Report – See President Muether's [slide deck, #9-10](#). KBOR Faculty of the Year awardees at PSU, FSHU, and

KU/KU Med. WSU will put forward nominees this AY. There was discussion of supporting a similar award for NTT faculty.

- Academic Computing and Data Capabilities 2024 – Please complete the 2024 [Academic Computing and Data Capabilities Survey](#) by September 25, 2024.

## **Committee Reports**

### *Rules Committee*

- President Muether presented a slate of three (3) nominees to fill vacant senator positions ([slide deck #12](#)). Passed unanimously.

## **Old Business**

- None

## **New Business**

- Athletic Board Update – Clay Stoldt (Faculty Athletics Representative), Gretchen Torline (Director of Athletic Academic Services); and Kevin Saal (Director of Athletics) – Shared an update on the state of athletics. See [PPT slide deck](#).

## **As May Arise**

- Senator Figy made comments on the Campus Cyberinfrastructure Master Plan survey; happy to discuss this with faculty, please reach out to Senator Figy.
- Senator Moody shared that her constituents are requesting access to listen to the FS meetings remotely.

## **Adjourn**

- President Muether adjourned the meeting at 5:00
- All are invited to Social Tap to network
- Next meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in HH 211 (no meeting 10/14/24 – Fall Break)

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Williams