

Faculty Senate (2023 – 2024) Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 25, 2023

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

Attendance

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

Excused: Boynton, Bradley, Figy, Jarman

Absent: Bubp

Approval of the minutes

[Minutes from September 11, 2023](#) Approved by voice vote.

Informal Statements and Proposals

- None

President's Report

- KBOR Update
President Dowling reported that after receiving distinct definitions of “mission critical” from the Regents institutions no consistency was noted. KBOR determined creating a common definition of “mission critical” did not add value or clarity to the process, and decided instead to let each institution tell their own story about a program’s importance. At this point, KBOR has not yet released their list of “triggered” programs, but WSU should receive it before the next Board meeting. Senator Billingham raised a concern that KBOR is creating a new way to terminate programs, and Senator Dehner commented it is another instance of KBOR weighing in on curricular matters which should lie with faculty. Provost Lefever noted that she and AVP Jack looked at all programs that might be on KBOR’s list under the new criteria, and it is the same programs as last year. When she gets the list of programs, she will meet with the dean and chair/head of the program to discuss next steps to develop an action plan.
- General Education implementation update
General Education program exception requests are currently under review. The hope is that by the first part of October that KBOR will inform the university of their decision on programs which needed exceptions to deviate from the formal bucket framework.
- Other Goals for KBOR this year
President Dowling noted that KBOR goals for this year include course pathways which had started last year, course placement standards, nursing alignment, and adult scholarships. She will provide more information as it comes available during the year.
- [WSU Report It](#)
Available at wichita.edu/ReportIt : “See something, hear something, say something.”

- Stock the Shocker Support Locker
This year the food and supply drive will be from October 23 through November 10 in order to align with upcoming holidays. Additionally, President Dowling noted the desire to organize better to try to win this year.

Committee Reports

- Rules Committee – Mathew Muether, Chair
Rules Committee presented a slate of candidates for serving on the Senate and committees. The slate was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business

- Academic misconduct and update on Student Conduct and Community Services Data
Kyle Wilson, Director of SCCS, and Alicia Newell, AVP of Student Affairs, [presented information on the academic misconduct](#) incidences in the 2022-2023 academic year. Senators discussed causes for these numbers, and Wilson shared interventions that SCCS is doing in the form of academic integrity trainings for graduate students, and for students in the particular program with the most violations. Newell also noted they are partnering with the graduate school and office of international education to ensure SCCS and academic integrity training is part of the scheduled trainings for new students. Faculty development training opportunities related to academic integrity were discussed.

New Business

- [Campus Wellness Initiative](#) -- Dr. Jessica Provines, AVP of Students Affairs/Wellness
Provines shared the new initiative being implemented on campus to enhance the health and wellbeing of the campus, with the goal of helping retention of students and employees. The University will adopt the Okanagan Charter which seeks to have universities strength wellbeing of people, places and the planet. The newly branded Health Outreach and Prevention Education (HOPE) Services Department will work to coordinate student and staff mental health programming.

As May Arise

After a motion to increase the meeting for 5 minutes which passed,

- Senator Billingham regarding the Planning and Budget Committee
Billingham noted that the Planning and Budget Committee did not fulfill their charge with regard to the mill levy overseen by the Board of Trustees. He requested in a future meeting that the Senate receive an update from the Planning and Budget Committee about how they are working to meet with the Board of Trustees to ensure faculty have a voice in these long-term budget plans.

Adjournment

President Dowling adjourned the meeting at 5:06 pm.

Minutes prepared by John Hammond

Next Senate Meeting: October 10, 2023