

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2024
3:30-4:40 pm Hubbard Hall 211

Attendance

Amos, Billingham, Bowen, Boynton, Bradley, Bussard, Butler, Celestin, Chang, Cooper, Cossell, Delacruz, Dowling, Dudley, Figy, Foster, Gilstrap, Hulett, Jamkartanian, Kirby, Kuhlman, Li, Loibl, Ma, Marble-Flint, Moody, Moscoso, Muether, Myose, Nicks, Ott, Pang, Price, Proctor, Ray, Ross, Sherif, Sherwood, Showstack, Small, Sterrett, Stone, Tew, Thompson N., Thompson, V., Wallace, Williams.

Excused: Gregory, Lynch

Absent: Asmatulu, Jarman, Markova, Moscoso, Rai, Srivastava

Call to Order

President Muether at 3:41 (Tech issues with Teams)

Approval of Minutes

- [August 24, 2024](#) – passed unanimously as submitted

Informal Statement

- None

President's Report

- One Health Kansas: Proposal for a joint health initiative with the 3 major universities. Going to KBOR for approval in September. More info in agenda [slide deck, #5](#). If have any questions, direct to President Muether.
- Policy Review Notice – 4. 13 ([Chair Policy and Procedures](#)) and 4.29 ([Review for Non-Tenure Track Faculty Promotion: Procedures](#)). Non-substantive changes out of General Council (GC). Please review and notify President Muether if have any questions or concerns and he will take them forward.
- Project Bridge: President Muma's taskforce (TF) for recs to bridge market-based compensation gap. Has met one time. Members as listed in agenda [slide deck, #7](#). Please forward any suggestions to your FS rep. Senator Billingham requested frequent updates to FS on the activity of the TF.

Committee Reports

Rules Committee

- President-Elect Stone presented one nominee to fill a vacant committee position. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Provost Shirley Lefever

- [WSU Office of Community Partnership](#). Brief overview provided. Many policies are still under development. Will launch this fall; updates will be shared with FS.
- [Civil Discourse](#). Brief overview provided. A Flashpoint Response Team has been developed to provide proactive communication to support freedom of expression while simultaneously maintaining safety for all. Suggestion from a senator that faculty be included in the development of resources. Kansas Leadership Center will also be providing some training on civil discourse for all.
- [Paid Applied Learning](#). WSU has received \$5 million in state funding to support paid applied learning, \$4 million allocated to Academic Affairs. There are two priorities: provide funding for experiences that have not traditionally had funds and to provide data on how the funds were used. More information and the application and rubric should be available soon.
- [SCCS Report](#) – Kyle Wilson provided an update. Now tracking Artificial Intelligence (AI) in reports, will have data moving forward. Discussion on AI detection tools, WSU does not support the use of these tools as they are not considered reliable.
- Update from Faculty Senate Evaluation Alignment Committee – Dr. Rachel Crane provided an update. The [Faculty Annual Activity Report](#) (FAAR) program is ready for faculty to start entering their data. More resources will be available over time including training for schools/departments across campus. T&P will be in the new system next year.

As May Arise

- Senator Moody requested follow-up regarding students enrolled in fully online programs paying fees for on-campus resources they do not use.
- President Muether provided follow-up on the faculty pool for SCCS hearings. We need to maintain the pool at its current level and consider extending the term from 1 year to facilitate keeping the pool viable.

Adjourn

- President Muether adjourned the meeting at 4:57

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Williams