

Draft Minutes
December 12, 2016
10:15 am
Faculty Senate

Roll Call

Present: Boggs, Duffy, Menton, Moskowitz, Norvell, O'Connell, Roberts, Sawoski, Schroth, Smolowitz, Speakman, Thangaraj, Topf, Updike, Wells, Winfield

Absent: Emmer, Gumb, Hall, Hollingsworth, Langdon, McKinley, Melton, Scully, Soto, Tehrani

Guests: President Farish, Provost Workman, Student Senators: Daniella Alva, Danielle Combs, Christopher Costa, Kayla Devlin, Cheyenne Quintal, John Rice

Initial absence of a quorum. The meeting continued a discussion only until a quorum was achieved.

1. Pres. Farish:

The search for a vice president of enrollment management and communications is near completion

The search for an associate vice president for marketing will also be completed soon

Two Building Projects are slated for starting:

First is construction of a fourth Bayside unit scheduled for a spring start. The possibility exists for a fifth unit in the future. This will be a small residence hall to replace Almeida units. There will be no net addition of beds.

Second a new building for the school of engineering to augment the high enrollment and particular needs of the programs. This is not a replacement. The planned site is between school of engineering and the school of business. It will not be physically connected to the present building, will be 27,000 square feet, two stories high and provide additional lab and fabrication space.

Other small construction projects in the planning stages are:

Increasing student parking, small additions for architecture and physics.

Question, can these projects be bundled into a capital campaign to include continuing studies expansions as well?

No the structuring financing and permitting are such that these projects are not joined.

The University will come back in session with a new federal administration. What policy changes will affect higher education remain to be seen.

Questions regarding

- a. Wells Fargo - the Council of Independent Colleges rules seek nonpolitical positions by its members. Due to considerations regarding the complexity of finance disengaging with Wells Fargo is a substantial task and one that can impose substantial financial disadvantage. The options and transitioning away from Wells Fargo continue to be considered.
 - b. Campus Security - in advance of the issuance of an Emergency Drill Manual, signage instructing procedures have been posted in classrooms. This issue will continue receiving attention. Door locks will be changed in all classrooms by Fall of 2017. There will be an active shooter drill in the spring semester, as well as a review of the Emergency Procedures manual.
2. Provost Workman: The President, Provost, Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Charles Thangaraj, Chair of the Faculty Senate Diversity Committee attended the Student Senate meeting last month. This was in response to Student Senate presentation to the faculty Senate regarding the treatment of diversity issues on the campus. These are serious considerations from which a cascade of positive responses were discussed with the Senate executive committee and discussed with student Senate. This includes incorporating trainings in other forums to consider ways to be more inclusive and respectful to marginalized populations particularly on campus but in a broader context as well.

The provost announced that there will be a series of multicultural competency workshops in early spring led by a team of faculty and staff: Paola Prado, Kamille Gentles-Peart, Laura D'Amore, Don Mays, Lisa Landreman and MiNa Chung-Break.

Discussion ensued regarding the specifics of these efforts; should we engage outside resources? Will we find a Chief Diversity Officer? How might these efforts be structured? Newly hired and adjunct faculty as well as faculty involved in the core can be involved in these efforts as part of the universe is support. Other opportunities will be made available for full-time faculty.

Prof. Joseph Roberts is the student advisor for those pursuing Fulbrights

The academic reorganization is finished. Step one will be announced soon, step two announced later.

3. Executive Committee report – the Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with Pres. and Provost on Friday, November 11. The concerns of the Student Senate were discussed, ideas exchanged and consensus to attend the student Senate meeting November 14 to communicate this consensus was agreed. Concern regarding a broadening of faculty efforts to address issues of marginality were expressed.
- N/B a quorum of 17 is achieved at this point in the meeting

4. Committee reports

- a. Admissions and Enrollment – placement in math courses is not dependent on SAT scores. The writing department is devising methods of student placement not dependent on SAT scores.
- b. Diversity – The Chair responded to the student Senate’s concern and executed a survey developed last year seeking faculty input on issues of diversity and marginality. Attempts to convene a committee meeting have not been successful. The chair had a follow-up meeting with student Senate representatives.
- c. Curriculum –
- d. University Life

Motion (Moskowitz, Roberts) **To elect Roxanne O’Connell as Chair of the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee for the remainder of the academic year. Passed without objection**

Motion: **To approve the following curricula: O’Connell - Moskowitz 16 approve 0 oppose 1 abstain**

- NEW COURSE ENGR 337 Finite Element Analysis
- NEW PROG SHS BS Healthy Communities (Convergence of two BGS programs - Health Care Admin & Social & Health Services into one Bachelor of Science degree)
- MNR PROG COMM Global Communication Core Concentration (aligns the concentration with the Minor, removes a “for majors only” course from the list.)

5. Second reading of the revised constitution and bylaws. Tabled until February

6. Motion to adoption of Curriculum Policies and Procedures, as amended.
Roberts – Topf 17 approve 0 oppose 0 abstain

7. Motion: **Refer to the AS&P Committee:** investigate best practices for program assessment, specially whether such assessments should be done during classroom instruction time or outside of classroom instruction time. Moskowitz – O’Connell 17 approve 0 oppose or abstain

8. Motion: **Refer to the GECPC:** review number of core intro (Core 1xx) courses required of transfer students, and make any recommendations to the Faculty Senate. As a suggestion, look at exempting transfer students from Core 1xx courses based upon multiples of 12 transfer credits (48-59 would exempt students from 4 intro Core courses, 36-47 would exempt students from 3...) Moskowitz – O’Connell 17 approve 0 oppose or abstain

9. Motion: Refer to **Executive Committee**: insuring that pre-enrolled students in course have satisfied the prerequisites of the course that they are pre-enrolled following release of grades for the current semester. Executive Committee follow up with the Provost.
10. Motion: **Refer to Executive Committee** : that the Exec Comm discuss with the Provost the possibility that the Registrar's Office lock out transfer students with an associate's degree, or who transfer 60 credits or more, from registering for any CORE 1xx course. Moskowitz – O'Connell 17 approve 0 oppose or abstain
11. Motion: Refer to the Executive Committee : that the Exec Comm require all faculty committees to submit to the Exec Comm an up-to-date list of all committee members, their term of service, and requirements for committee composition. Such data will be used by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to more smoothly run elections to said committees. Such information will be posted on the Faculty Senate website. Moskowitz – Wells 17 approve 0 oppose or abstain
12. Motion regarding the online training video for preventing sexual violence that faculty are required to take: MOVE that the administration is requested communicate to faculty, as soon as possible, whether or not faculty members are legally required to accept the conditions, liabilities, and waiver of legal and constitutional rights, which they must accept in order to use the required video. (M. Topf)"

Provost's response: an alternative in-person training can be available for those not wanting to agree to terms of usage.

13. Motion to ask ~~University Life~~**Executive Committee** to look into the possibility of creating faculty inner-campus, top of Ferry Road parking zones Monday-Friday from 7:00 am-5pm M-F, moving dormitory parking to north campus, with students having access to the inner-campus shuttle to get to their cars during the day. O'Connell – Sawoski 16 approve 0 oppose 1 abstain
14. Motion: To create a new **ad hoc committee** of the Senate that would have as its charge the oversight of graduate programs. Referred to Executive Committee
15. The Faculty Senate charges the **University Life Committee** to serve as the initial working committee for the First Year Common reading in conjunction with CSALT² and Student Affairs to facilitate a timely selection for the next academic year and to determine appropriate committee structure moving forward. The Committee will make further recommendations by the April 2017 Faculty Senate meeting. Passed without objection.

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