

Minutes of the April Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the April session on Thursday, April 14, 2016, in PSU 313. Chair Sharmistha Self called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Cynthia MacGregor served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Sarah Williams for Keith Ekstam, AR; Kathy Adams for Faye Felicilda, NR; Martin Jones for Richard Gebken, IM; Matthew Calihman for Lanya Lamouria, Asst. Prof. Rep.; and Joe Hughes for Pauline Nugent, FL.

Absences: Andy Cline, MJ; Randy Dillion, Grad Council Chair; Keith Ernce, HR; Ken Gillam, EN; Mark Given, RE; Les Heitger, AC; Chin-Feng Hwang, AG; David Johnson, PS; Ahren Johnston, MK; Kurt Killion, EPPC Chair; David Mitchel, ARC Chair; Saibal Mitra, PA; Glenn Pace, MG; and Marcus Shadwick, GSS Rep.

Guests: Ryan Wilson, Staff Senate; Doug Gouzie, GGP; A. Rimal, Agriculture; Nathan Hoff; Office of the Registrar; and Julie Masterson, Grad College.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction to the March attendance list, Michael Hammond, Instructor Rep, was present. The March 2016 minutes were approved as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, in LIB 101.
2. Chair Self announced the names of the faculty elected to serve as rank representatives for the 2016-2017 Faculty Senate: Char Berquist, Professor rank rep; Melissa Maier, Assistant Professor rank rep; Victoria Sutton, Instructor rank rep; and Tara Stulce, Clinical Faculty rank rep.
3. The following faculty members were elected for the Faculty Student Judicial Commission: Jessica Bennett (LI, Library); Mike Burton (AG, DSA); Mark Paxton (MJF, COAL)
4. Updates from the Presidential task force on benefits—President Smart has agreed to extending sick leave up to one year (with the second semester at no pay) and accrual of sick days for nine-month faculty. The final policy language will need to be finalized and brought before the Board for approval.
5. Chair Self announced that the first recipient of the Eric Shade memorial award is Rhonda Ridinger. Senator Ridinger addressed and thanked the Senate.
6. Chair Self thanked the Senate for their continued support this year.

CANDIDATE FORUM FOR 2016/2017 SENATE CHAIR-ELECT AND SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY

Candidates Cynthia MacGregor (Chair-Elect) and Beth Hurst (Secretary of the Faculty) made statements and answered questions from the Senate.

As unopposed candidates are automatically elected without vote, candidates MacGregor and Hurst were both elected without opposition.

VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY

Charge Three: Consolidate and explain the challenge and appeals processes for all council actions with logically explained steps that anyone can follow. Move the details of the challenge and appeals processes for all council actions, as well as the challenge process for Senate Actions, to a new Article VII. Identify the specific events during the curricular process that initiate the challenge and appeals periods.

Passed 34 to 0

Charge Five: Membership requirements for service on Faculty Concerns, CGEIP, and College Councils should be expanded to include instructors and clinical faculty.

Passed 30 to 3

Charge Thirteen: Incorporate the establishment of a standing senate committee on Benefits into the Bylaws as per the report from the Ad-Hoc Benefits Committee that was presented to Faculty Senate on 3 December 2015.

Passed 34 to 1

REPORT FROM BUDGET & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Dr. Bob Pavlowsky, chair, presented the report and answered questions from the Senate.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

(CGEIP) Course Change—ART 271 History of Western Art I

Moved by Senator Ekstam sub Sarah Williams

APPROVED

SA 30-15/16

(CGEIP) Course Change—ART 272 History of Western Art II

Moved by Senator Ekstam sub Sarah Williams

APPROVED

SA 31-15/16

(CGEIP) Course Change—ART 273 Survey of the Art of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas

Moved by Senator Ekstam sub Sarah Williams

APPROVED

SA 32-15/16

(CGEIP) Course Change—ART 274 Survey of Asian Art

Moved by Senator Ekstam sub Sarah Williams

APPROVED

SA 33-15/16

New Program—Master of Science in Agriculture

Moved by Senator Kovacs

Dr. Abindra Ramal presented the new program and answered questions.

APPROVED

SA 34-15/16

New Program—Graduate Certificate in the Education of Gifted and Talented Students

Moved by Senator Test

Dr. Cynthia Hail presented the new program and answered questions.

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New Program—Graduate Certificate in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction

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New Program—Data Analytics Minor

Moved by Senator Johnson

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New Program—Cybersecurity Minor

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APPROVED

SA 38-15/16

New Program—Graduate Certificate in Environmental Monitoring and Sampling

Moved by Senator Miao

Doug Gouzie presented the new program.

APPROVED

SA 39-15/16

REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Chair Self reminded the body of procedure before the presentation of the report.

Dr. Roberto Canales, chair, presented the report.

Senator Abidogun made a motion to adopt the report.

Questions and discussion followed.

Senator Richter made a motion to change the language in 13.3 to “must,” instead of “may.”

Discussion. Senator Kane made a motion to call the question. The motion passed.

Senator Richter’s motion to amend failed.

Senator Olsen made a motion to change the language in 12.4.1.1 to include the phrase “and one from each entity.”

Discussion followed. Senator Richter made a motion to call the question. The motion passed.

Senator Olsen’s motion to amend failed.

The motion to adopt the FHRC report passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

All three Bylaws amendments passed. (see above)

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Self adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Ruth Barnes

Secretary of the Faculty

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Right of Challenge Expires: May 9, 2016

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