

Minutes of the October Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the October session on Thursday, October 13, 2016, in PSU Ballroom East. Chair Mike Foster called the session to order at 3:33 p.m.

Substitutes: Cathie Weir for Victoria Sutton, Instruc Rep; Paul Maddox for Jef Cornelius-White; Rhonda Ridinger for Char Berquist, Prof Rep; Patrick Gartin for Ethan Amidon, CR; Rick Brattin for Richard Johnson, CI; and Mike Burton for Will McClain, AG.

Absences: Tara Boehne, OT; John Bourhis, CM; Andy Cline, MJ; Melanie Dreyer-Lude, TD; Richard Gebken, IM; Ken Gillam, EN; Mark Given, RE; Alex Hamwi, MK; Darryl Haslam, SW; Tom Kane, PY; and Bob Pavlowski, B&P Chair.

Guests: Joshua Davis, CIS; Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Michele Smith, CLSE; Rob Hornberger, Registrar; Eric Sheffield, RFT; Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar; Michel Bampoe, HR; and Thomas Lane, Dean of Students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 2016 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18th in PSU Ballroom East, at 3:30 pm.
2. Dr. Mike Hudson, the current senator for Sports Medicine & Athletic Training, will begin serving next month as parliamentarian. Dr. Allan Liggett will be his replacement on Senate.
3. Due to a lack of volunteers, the only ad hoc committee to be empaneled is the Policy Library Oversight committee. Chair Foster ended the search for volunteers for the other.
4. Chair Foster has discussed the following topics with President Smart.
 - FSEC's position regarding the Revised Sick Leave Policy aligns with Faculty handbook 6.6.6 which states, "Normally, absences due to short-term illness are handled informally within the academic departments and are granted without loss of compensation." Our position is that if a faculty member cancels a class due to illness, and has not found a substitute to teach the class or otherwise has no meaningful activity planned for that class period, then the faculty member should apply those hours as used sick time.
 - Pooling Faculty Tuition Waiver Credits to create some sort of Faculty Scholarship program.
 - Freshman admission standards.

REPORT FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Dr. Thomas Lane, Associate Vice President for Student Life/Dean of Students, reported about the Behavioral Intervention Team that was designed to identify students who exhibit behaviors that might be detrimental to their success or the success of others. He wants to create a culture of reporting so they can address lower-level behaviors before they escalate. Link to Powerpoint attached.

REPORT FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. Michel Bampoe, Assistant Director of Human Resources, presented information on open enrollment for benefits. It is available until December 1st. The Benefits Fair will combine with the Wise and Well Fair and be held October 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Foster Recreation Courts.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Delete Program—Environmental Sciences & Policy

Moved by Senator Kovacs: **APPROVED**

SA 3-16/17

New Program—Perspectives About the American Higher Education System

Moved by Senator Maddox, (sub for Senator White): **APPROVED**

SA 4-16/17

New Program—Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing K-12

No motion was brought to the floor: **FAILED**

New Program—Data Analytics Graduate Certificate

Moved by Senator Johnson: **APPROVED**

SA 5-16/17

(CGEIP) New Course—EDC249 Schooling in America

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

Moved by Senator Lewis: **APPROVED**

SA 6-16/17

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The November session will be held on Thursday, November 10th at 3:30 p.m. in PSU Ballroom East.

Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Beth Hurst

Secretary of the Faculty

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