

Minutes of the February Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the first meeting of its February session on Thursday, February 13, 2014, in PSU 313. Chair Ryan Giedd called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Jeremy Chesman served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Robert Patterson for Saibal Mitra, PA.

Absences: Sandra Bailey, FI; Scott Cameron, MU; Dan Crafts, RA; Donna Gloe, NR; John Heywood, BI; Steve Hinch, B&P Chair; Melissa Hudson, AG; Deb Larson, MJ; Eric Morris, CM; Eric Sheffield, RF; Josh Smith, BS; and Brooke Whisenhunt, Grad Council Chair.

Guests: John Catau, Office of the Provost; Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Neosha Mackey, Office of the Provost; Rich Biagioni, FHRC; Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar; and Rob Hornberger, Office of the Registrar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 2014 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Executive Budget Committee met and came to a consensus for a 1.5% cost of living increase this year.
2. Also replenishing operation budgets with a special emphasis towards travel.
3. Would like to have standard cost of living raises every year.
4. Chair Giedd conducted an informal survey of the Senate with the following questions.
Are you aware of the tornado shelters and fire escape routes in all of the classrooms in which you teach?
How many of you announce this information to students in your class as part of the introduction to your class?
How many are aware of their responsibility and liability to communicate this safety information to your students in class?
How many saw the video of the active shooter incident?
How many communicated that process or talked about an active shooter situation and what you would do in class?

REPORT ON THE 2014 PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

Dr. Kevin Evans, Provost's Fellow for Public Affairs, presented the report. The Public Affairs Conference is one of the university's signature events. April 8-11, 2014
Speakers will include Colin Powell.

REPORT ON CLIMATE STUDY

Dr. Ken Coopwood, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, presented the report and answered questions.

ELECTIONS FOR UNIVERSITY HEARING COMMITTEE

The Senate voted by secret ballot on nominees submitted by College Councils for the **University Hearing Committee** for a three-year term, ending in 2017. The following eight people were elected.

Pauline Nugent, MCL/COAL; Judith John, EN/COAL; Tim Knapp, SA/CHPA; Bill Meadows, SA/CHPA; Paris Depaepe, CLSE/COE; Steve Jones, RFT, COE; Paul Durham, BI/CNAS; Yating (Tina) Liang, HR/CHHS

REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Chair Rich Biagioni presented revisions to chapters 4, 9, 10, 11 and 12 to the Senate. He noted that chapters 13-16 and the glossary would be presented at the next regular session of the Senate.

Chapter 4—Housekeeping adjustments and many edits were made. The Senate discussed the sections on “Goals and Criteria for Evaluating Teaching” and “Research Mission.” The review and appeals processes, confidentiality policy, and external review were also discussed. Dr. Biagioni will take the Senate's input back to the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to the loss of quorum at 5 p.m., chair Giedd called for a continuation meeting. The Senate will be notified as to the date and location.

Kathy Gibson
Secretary of the Faculty

Minutes of the February Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the second meeting of its February session on Thursday, February 20, 2014, in Karls 102. Chair Ryan Giedd called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Jeremy Chesman served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Tim Knapp for Margaret Buckner, SO; and Rhea Faye Felicilda for Donna Gloe, NR.

Absences: Sandra Bailey, FI; Tracy Cleveland, PN; Dan Crafts, RA; Melissa Fallone, Asst Prof Rep; Patrick Gartin, CR; Brenda Goodwin, PEC Chair; Steve Hinch, B&P Chair; Melissa Hudson, AG; Tom Kane, PY; Deb Larson, MJ; Allan Liggett; SM; Kevin Mickus, GG; Eric Morris, CM; Pauline Nugent, FL; Tara Oetting, Clin Fac Rep; John Satzinger, RE; George Schmelzle, AC; Eric Sheffield, RF; John Smith, BS; and Brooke Whisenhunt, Grad Council Chair.

Guests: Neosha Mackey, Office of the Provost and Chris Craig, Office of the Provost.

(CON'T) REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Chair Rich Biagioni continued with section 4.8.

Dr. Craig agreed to keep the Provost Guidelines consistent with the Faculty Handbook.

The FHRC response to the Senate's discussion in the last meeting has been posted on Blackboard as well as being emailed to the Senate.

Chapter 4/Section 4.8.3 – The Senate discussed the section on department personnel committees.

Chapter 9 – 9.5 and 9.6 updated language for consistency. In 9.7.1 information was updated, and the list of sources will also be updated.

Chapter 10 - Most changes in this chapter on research were simple updates and stylistic changes. The one substantive change was adding a reference to an ethics hotline, an independent agency contracting with the university.

Chapter 11 - Most changes are for stylistic reasons and/or clarification.

Chapter 12 – Section 12.3 added a section about the salary of an administrator after return to a faculty position. Discussed adding a section about evaluation of associate deans.

Dr. Biagioni announced that Chapters 13 through 16 will be reviewed in the March meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Giedd adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Kathy Gibson
Secretary of the Faculty