

Minutes of the January Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held its January session on Thursday, January 17, 2013, in PSU 313. Chair Christopher Herr called the session to order at 3:33 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Mary Ann Jennings for Joan McClennen, SW; Tom Dicke for Stephen McIntyre, HI; Charles Rovey for Kevin Mickus, GG; and Mahua Mitra for Sharmistha Self, EC.

Absences: Ronald Clark, MK; Sam Dyer, ARC Chair; John Hail, EF; and Daniel Kaufman, PH.

Guests: John Catau, Provost's Office; Chris Craig, Provost's Office; David Schneider, SGA; Paige Jenkins, BOG; Brittany Donnellan, SGA; Rob Hornberger, Registrar; Tona Hetzler, CHHS/SMAT; Hillary Mayes, CHHS; Frank Einhellig, Provost's Office; Libby Rozell, COB; and Reid Brager, FHRC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 2012 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair Elect Giedd has an announcement to make regarding the Nominating committee:

Members—Lynn Cline, Dan Kaufmann, Rhonda Ridinger

2. The Nominating committee, in keeping with Robert's Rules, only makes one nomination for each position. However, as the Bylaws notes, "Since the Senate benefits from having a strong and diverse slate of candidates, it is desirable that at least one nomination for each office come from the floor so that the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee do not run unopposed." A nomination may be made by any Senator, with an appropriate second, in writing, to the Secretary of the Faculty no later than April 1. The nominated person must agree to run, and must submit a statement of purpose as outlined in the Bylaws no later than April 3.

Eligibility for Chair-Elect and Secretary of the Faculty is open to anyone who "(1) by the time they assume office they will have completed at least one year of service (may or may not be continuous) in the Faculty Senate as a voting member during the previous six academic years, and (2) they are tenured before the September session of their term." Copies of previous Senate rosters can be made available for those who are interested.

3. The Faculty Morale Survey administered by the Faculty Concerns committee will go live for responses on Tuesday, January 22 at 8:00, and will remain active until 5:00 pm on Friday, February 1. The survey is anonymous, and only members of the Faculty Concerns survey subcommittee will have access to raw data. No quantitative data will be released that could identify individual faculty members. However, faculty should use caution so that any narrative responses or comments they write do not inadvertently include identifying information. Also, though we are constantly updating our contact lists, it is possible that a faculty member will not receive the reminder email, so please make sure your constituents are aware of the survey.
4. As has been announced elsewhere, Governor Nixon recently appointed two new members to the Board of Governors: Carrie Carroll represents the Third district, and replaces John Winston; Joe Carmichael represents the Seventh district, and replaces Elizabeth Bradbury.

REPORT FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Ms. Brittany Donnellan presented a Syllabi Database report to the Faculty Senate, for their feedback, outlining reasons to create a central online repository for syllabi. Ms. Donnellan indicated that (1) individual faculty participation in any database would be voluntary, (2) it was understood that a class syllabus in the repository during the early registration period may not be the syllabus eventually used for the class. The major items in each syllabus that were of interest to students were plus/minus grading, teaching style, and course structure. The Senate discussed and offered their feedback. There was no specific proposal or vote.

VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws:

- 1) Eliminate the requirement for a ballot for unopposed candidates for Chair-Elect and Secretary of the Faculty.
Passed: 43 to 1
- 2) Change the supermajority vote required for the Graduate Council to amend its bylaws from 3/4 to the more standard 2/3.
Passed: 41 to 3

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSAL

- 1) New Program: Press Politics
Moved by Senator Cline
Passed.
SA 9-12/13
- 2) New Program: Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Online Graduate Certificate
Moved by Senator Cron
Passed.
SA 10-12/13
- 3) New Program: Master of Occupational Therapy
Moved by Senator Liggett
Passed.
SA 11-12/13
- 4) New Program: Bachelor of Applied Science in Hospitality and Restaurant Administration
Moved by Senator Grand
Passed.
SA 12-12/13
- 5) New Program: Graduate Certificate in Individualized Studies
Moved by Senator Nixon
Passed.
SA 13-12/13
- 6) Program Deletion: MSN Family Nurse Practitioner Post Masters Certificate
Moved by Senator Gloe
Passed.
SA 14-12/13

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONTINUATION OF REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Senator Bourhis made a motion to postpone this business to the February regular session of the Faculty Senate as the first item on the agenda after announcements. Senator Macgregor moved to amend the motion to postpone so that this item is to follow the report from the Rules Committee. Senator Macgregor's motion was passed by unanimous consent of the Senate. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Herr adjourned the meeting at 5 p.m.

Kathy Gibson
Secretary of the Faculty

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