

Minutes of the March Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the first meeting of its March session on Thursday, March 20, 2014, in PSU 313. Chair Ryan Giedd called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Jeremy Chesman served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Telory Davies for Ruth Barnes, TD; Corinne Shirley, FL; and R. Johnson for John Satzinger, CI.

Absences: Sandra Bailey, FI; Scott Cameron, MU; Ron Clark, MK; Nora Cox, Instruc Rep; Keith Ernce, HR; Melissa Fallone, Asst Prof Rep; Patrick Gartin, CR; Brenda Goodwin, PEC Chair; James Hackney, PT; Kristina Henry, NR; 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: Richard Gebken, TCM; Patti Blanton, MTH; Dr. David Muegge, Taylor Health Center; Sheila Bowen, Taylor Health Center; Dr. Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Neosha Mackey, Office of the Provost; Rob Hornberger, Registrar; Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar; Matt Kimberly, GSS; Rich Biagioni, FHRC; Frank Einhellig, Provost; and Brooke Beaver, Student.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 2014 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The March carry over meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th in PSU Ballroom East at 3:30 PM.
2. A Town Hall meeting will be held Friday, April 4, at 2 p.m. in the Plaster Student Union Theater to review the work of the HLC Steering Committee. More details on the latest Cliff notes... but basically they need feedback on progress made/new concerns w.r.t. the last HLC accreditation report.
3. The All Faculty Recognition Reception will be held April 21 from 3-5 PM in the PSU Ballroom... hope as many as possible will attend.
4. The administration will expand the current Blackboard capability to include a new expansion package. Over the next three years Black Board performance will be monitored to see if we want to continue our contract. In conjunction with this effort we will be phasing out usage of the plagiarism tool *turnitin* in favor of the BB tool *safeassign*. I direct you to the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning for workshops and further information.
5. In order to accommodate visitors concerned with curricular issues, I would entertain a motion to suspend the rules and move agenda item G (handbook committee report) to after the curricular issues, item I, on the agenda. The motion to change the agenda passed.
6. The Faculty Senate Primary Election for Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, and Clinical Faculty Senate reps begins tomorrow and runs through March 28th.

REPORT FROM TAYLOR HEALTH CENTER

Dr. David Muegge, Director, presented the report.

REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Dr. Cynthia Macgregor, chair, presented the report.

One of the charges discussed was inclusion of undergraduate student representatives on college councils. The Senate discussed a possible postponement of next month's vote in order to give the SGA more time to respond.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nomination Committee Chair Stephen McIntyre thanked the members of the committee, Past Chairs Tom Kane, and Margaret Weaver, and presented the committee's nominees.

The committee officially nominates: Sharmistha Self (Economics), Chair-Elect; Ruth Barnes (Theatre & Dance), Secretary of the Faculty.

No nominations were offered from the floor, and senators were reminded that they may still submit nominations, with an appropriate second, for either office to the current Secretary of the Faculty by April 1. All Candidates must provide a written statement (300 words maximum) to the Secretary of the Faculty no later than April 3, for inclusion in the April agenda packet. The candidate forum and elections for officers will be held in the April meeting.

ELECTIONS FOR FACULTY-STUDENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The following faculty members were elected to the Faculty-Student Judicial Commission.

Pauline Nugent (FL)

Sarah Nixon (RF)

Janice Greene (BI)

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

New Course: **MTH 121 Multicultural Views of History and Mathematics**

Moved by Senator Stanojevic

The Senate discussed this proposed general education course at length.

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

The motion to approve **MTH 121 FAILED**.

New Program: **Graduate Certificate in Marketing**

Moved by Senator Davies (substituting for Senator Barnes)

Discussion. No one was present to speak for the curricular item.

Senator Johnson moved to postpone consideration of this curricular item until the Tuesday, March 25th carryover meeting. The motion passed.

New Program: **Computational Science**

Moved by Senator S. Mitra

Discussion.

Motion APPROVED

SA 24-13/14

New Course: **IDS 297 International Culture and Study Abroad**

Moved by Senator S. Mitra

Discussion.

Senator Mitra moved to postpone consideration of this curricular item until the Tuesday, March 25th carryover meeting.

New Program: **Construction Management Minor**

Moved by Senator Jones

Discussion.

Motion APPROVED

SA 25-13/14

Due to the lateness of the hour Chair Giedd adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Chair Giedd reminded the Senate of the Primary Rank Representative election beginning tomorrow.

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Substitutes: Sharmistha Self for Mahua Mitra, EC; Substitute for Pauline Nugent, FL; and Mike Reed for Saibal Mitra, PA

Absences: Sandra Bailey, FI; Scott Cameron, MU; Tracy Cleveland, PN; Melissa Fallone, Asst Prof Rep; Patrick Gartin, CR; Brenda Goodwin, PEC Chair; James Hackney, PT; Darryl Haslam SW; Kristina Henry, NR; Steve Hinch, B&P Chair; Melissa Hudson, AG; Richard, CI; Deb Larson, MJ; Allan Liggett, SM; Eric Morris, CM; Tara Oetting, Clinical Fac Rep; Jack Rosenkoetter, Asst Prof Rep; George Schmelzle, AC; Eric Sheffield, RF; Angel Wang, CD; Brooke Whisenhunt, Grad Council Chair; and Y. Jenny Zhang, FG.

Guests: Elizabeth Strong, Study Away; Neosha Mackey, Office of the Provost; Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Rich Biagioni, FHRC; and Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar.

Announcements

1. SGA Representative Kirby announced that SGA will be changing its bylaws to reflect the Rules Committee change discussed at the first meeting.
2. The following faculty members were elected to the Faculty-Student Judicial Commission.
Pauline Nugent (FL)
Sarah Nixon (RF)
Janice Greene (BI)

Chair Giedd entertained a motion to move the postponed curricular items to the beginning of the meeting. Senator Barnes made the motion and the motion passed.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

New Program: **Graduate Certificate in Marketing**

Moved by Senator Clark

Discussion.

Motion APPROVED

SA 26-13/14

New Course: **IDS 297 International Culture and Study Abroad**

Moved by Senator Barnes

Discussion.

Motion APPROVED

SA 27-13/14

REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Dr. Rich Biagioni presented revisions to chapters.

Chapters 6-8 have been consolidated.

Chapter 13—Faculty Grievances, altered title, addition of short overview plus other clarifications and minor edits.

Chapter 14—Faculty Disciplinary process, altered title, addition of short overview plus other clarifications and minor edits. Informal resolution will be more emphasized in both chapters 13 and 14.

The Senate discussed the two chapters and strengthening the informal resolution section.

Chapter 15—Separation from Employment, adding some discussion of retirement dates, updated information on social security benefits, minor changes for clarity.

Chapter 16—Amendments, removing references to preamble, minor reorganization, chapter terminology, specifying involvement of the Senate’s chair-elect and the Associate Provost for Faculty with the Faculty Handbook Committee.

Glossary/Abbreviations—Limiting entries for committees, terms to include and exclude, keeping glossary entries concise.

Explanatory Note—corrections, minor changes and updates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Giedd adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Kathy Gibson

Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 24-13/14

Adopted by Senate on March 20, 2014

Right of Challenge Expires April 22, 2014

New Program: Computational Science

A complete copy of the above curricular proposals can be viewed in the Faculty Senate office.

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Adopted by Senate on March 20, 2014

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New Program: Construction Management Minor

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Senate Action 26-13/14

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New Program: Graduate Certificate in Marketing

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