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Faculty Senate Minutes for September 1, 2015



3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Stouffer Lounge

I. Approval Previous Minutes and Attendance Sheet

- Senator S. Smith moved to approve the May 5, 2015 minutes & attendance; seconded by Senator Hamlin
- Motioned unanimously carried

II. Announcements

President's Report (Dr. Martin was not able to attend the meeting.)

Academic Affairs Report – Provost Glynn

- Sincere apologies from Dr. Martin for missing meeting
- Wants to empower faculty governance—believes in this strongly
- Officers of executive committee will meet monthly with executive team of university
 - This meeting has not yet been named
- Suggests formation of standing teaching/learning committee
- Waiting on KBOR - STEM college: not formed yet, but working on it (approved for STM, not yet approved for STEM)
- Waiting on KBOR - Marketing and Management split and approval of name “Applied Business Studies”
- Concerned about the current number of academic committees and committees with more than 30 members (possibly ineffective), while still retaining proportional representation
 - May be streamlining membership and clarifying charges
- Chap Rackaway named as the Director of Liberal Education (no longer General Education), and will be chair of that committee
- Dynamic curriculum development rather than cyclical
 - Stressed that Faculty should make decisions about curriculum
 - Changes will come through Academic Affairs FS subcommittee
- Created a new Economic Development Committee
- Academic committee name changes
 - Academic Assessment and Review to Learning Assessment and Program Review
 - Internationalization Team to Campus Internationalization Advisory Committee
 - International Education Management Group to International Education Advisory Committee
 - Instructional Technology Policy Advisory to Learning Environment Committee (online and physical)

- Council for Institutional Effectiveness: will create focus groups to address lowest five ratings on faculty satisfaction survey
- New committee: Student Success and Engagement
- Freshman seminar will be under faculty purview; Kenton Russell is Coordinator of FYS
- New Study Abroad Committee with a focus on learning objectives
- Gathering input on whether Promotion and Tenure should be one committee rather than two committees
- Faculty workload task force
- Faculty Values focus groups - Chris Crawford will chair

Honors College Director – Matt Means

- An extensive overview of the Honors College was provided; PowerPoint presentation will be shared

Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) and Council of Faculty senate Presidents (CoFSP) – Lorie Cook-Benjamin

- First meeting is September 16

Faculty by Department Google Form – Lorie Cook-Benjamin

- Will be used to determine the correct number of FS representatives for each department
- Recognition to Kim Stewart for donating the name stands.

III. Reports of Standing Committees – Chair and Secretary Selection, Topics, and Meeting Arrangements

- As per standing rules, students from SGA represented on the standing committees. They are the following: Academic Affairs– Lauren Wiebe, Strategic Planning and Improvement– Molly Morgan, University Affairs– Cody Scheck, Student Affairs– Rebecca Vincent, Partnerships and Technology– TBA
- Senator Donnelly moved for a ten-minute recess for standing committees to meet to elect chair/secretary, find meeting time, and begin discussion of agenda items. Senator Goodlett seconded.
 - Motion carried, no opposed, no abstentions

The meeting Reconvened at 4:25.

III a. Academic Affairs: Senator Burnett, chair; Senator Donnelly (in training); Senator Orth, secretary.

- Dealing with course requests, changing technology

b. Strategic Planning & Improvement PI: Senator Goodlett, chair; Senator Park, secretary

- Agreed on meeting dates

- c. University Affairs: Senator Hamlin, chair; Senator Caballero-Alias, secretary
 - Agreed on meeting dates, shared governance (FS and AAUP), timing of teaching evaluations (esp. during summer session, intersession)
- d. Student Affairs: Senator Walters, chair; Senator C. Smith, secretary
 - Agreed on meeting dates, anticipate working with Dennis King
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- e. P&T: Senator Yang, chair; Senator Deyo, secretary
 - International and virtual faculty more involved on-campus, investigate on-line digital form for tenure/promotion

IV. Reports of Special Committees

- None

V. Unfinished Business

- None

VI. New Business

- a. Faculty Values Steering Committee Representation
 - Send names to President Cook-Benjamin by September 8
- b. Faculty Workload Taskforce Committee Representation
 - Nominated by executive committee - Two at-large, one on FS
 - Notify President Cook-Benjamin by September 8
 - If needed, a Google survey will be used to gather input.
- c. Senator Donnelly stated a conference room, previously used by department faculty, is now being used by the special assistant to the provost.

VII. Adjournment

- Senator Deyo moved to adjourn. Senator Zhang seconded. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:55.