

Minutes from the September Meeting of the Faculty Senate

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 3:30 pm in the Faculty Senate Chambers (JUB 100).

Present

Sanjay Asthana, Sal Barbosa, Misagh Faezipour (substitute for Vishwas Bedekar), Nita Brooks, Larry Burriss, Nancy Caukin, Laura Cochrane, Rick Cottle, Trevor de Clercq, Andrew Dix, Rudy Dunlap, Stuart Fowler, Justin Gardner, Bob Gordon, Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Shannon Harmon, Michael Hein, Christina Hiers, Pippa Holloway, Ryan Jones, Rachel Kirk, Paul Kline, Marcus Knight, Darren Levin, Alfred Lutz, Dan Morrell, Pamela Morris, John Mullane, Susan Myers-Shirk, Kari Neely, Brian Parsons, Ariana Postlethwait, Deana Raffo, Joan Raines, Pat Richey, Brian Robertson, Garrett Salmon, Scott Seipel, Mary Ellen Sloane, Nat Smith, Raj Srivastava, Dennis Walsh, Elizabeth Wright, Andrew Wyatt

Excused

Vishwas Bedekar (substitute listed above), Cui Song, Angela DeBoer, Latonya Eaves, Stephen Salter, Zhen Wang

Absent

Rebecca Fischer, Melissa Lobegeier, Preston MacDougall

President Gardner called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. He reminded everyone to sign in for an accurate record of attendance. He recognized and welcomed Faculty Trustee Mary Martin. The next Board of Trustees meeting is September 18 with the Executive & Governance Committee at meeting at 11:00am and the Board of Trustees meeting at 1:00pm. Senators were encouraged to attend. It is also available to live stream from the Board website.

Pippa Holloway moved to approve the minutes from the April 29th meeting. Patrick Richey seconded. Pippa Holloway moved to amend the minutes by including the Faculty Senate Resolution regarding the ROTC building that is referred to as being in the appendix. Larry Burriss seconded the motion. The motion was carried to approve the minutes as amended.

Reports from Officers and Committees

Treasury Report

Deana Raffo reported the Senate's budget. As of August 31, 2019 the balances are: Travel - \$2,900.00 and Operating - \$2,792.35.

Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Athletics Committee

The committee has not yet met and had no report.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Last year, the committee crafted a report on issues related to tenure. The report was intended as an informational document for the Faculty Trustee. The report will be made available to the Senate.

Executive and Governance Committee

The committee has not yet met and had no report.

Audit and Compliance Committee

The committee has not yet met and had no report.

Steering, Academic Affairs Liaison, and President's Liaison Committees

The Steering Committee has met once. The Academic Affairs meeting will be Wednesday, September 11. Feedback from the retreat called for more transparency from Steering Committee meetings.

Old Business

Faculty Senate D2L Shell

Gardner asked for feedback to add Senate documents to the Faculty Senate D2L shell in order to better preserve reports that may be needed from one year to the next. John Mullane moved reactivate the D2L shell and Rajesh Srivastava seconded. The motion was approved.

Resolution – General Education Redesign Endorsement

Brian Robertson moved to approve Faculty Senate Resolution 9919-01 General Education Redesign Endorsement. Larry Burriss seconded. The resolution was amended add “process” to the title therefore naming it “General Education Redesign Process Endorsement.” The motion was approved with one nay vote.

New Committee: Committee on Committees

Policy 32 committees need to be periodically reviewed. There is a concern about requests for policy feedback over the summer. Administration has a rotation for policy review and it was agreed that the Senate should strive to be more proactive with policy revisions. The next scheduled review is in 2022. The committees are to have a record of meetings that are sent to Senate President.

Senate Committee Structure (from start, stop, keep)

There was discussion about the purpose of the Senate committees that mirror the Board of Trustees committees. In the past, the committee charges have been vague.

Changing the current Senate committee structure requires a change in Bylaws. Senate Bylaws allow for Ad Hoc committees for any purpose.

The Senate reaffirmed the need to keep the current Senate committee structure as is, with the original charge to report on Board of Trustees Committees. The committees may be assigned additional work as needed.

Discussion on Expanding University Recreation Center Hours

Last year, a concern was expressed that the Rec Center closes or has limited hours when classes are not in session and therefore, not available to faculty. Discussion ensued with no action needed at this time.

New Business

There was no new business to report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Submitted by Deana Raffo, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary.