Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 9, 2023
3:30-5:00 pm Woolsey Hall 110A

Attendance

Ahmed, Allen, Barut, Billingham, Boynton, Butler, Celestin, Chang, Cluff, Dehner, Delacruz, Dudley, Figy, Gilstrap, Hammond, Heilman, Hulett, Jamkartanian, Jarman, Kuhlman, Lynch, Marble-Flint, Markova, Moody, Moscoso, Muether, Musaji, Myose, Nicks, Pang, Parham, Price, Proctor, Pulaski, Rai, Ross, Sherif, Sherwood, Small, Sterrett, Storrer, Tew, Thompson, Wallace, Williams.
Excused: Bowen, Bradley, Bussard, Castro, Dowling, Urick
Absent: Bubp, Salinas Monroy, Solomey

Call to Order

- President-Elect Muether called the meeting to order at 3:31.
  President Dowling was unable to join this meeting.

Approval of the minutes

- Minutes from September 25, 2023 Approved by voice vote.

Informal Statements and Proposals

- Senator Nicks shared a concern about the Microsoft Teams retention policy where materials created expire after 3 months. She noted this is at odds with faculty who are 9-month employees.

President's Report

- Stock the Shocker Support Locker
  This year the food and supply drive will be from October 23 through November 10. The drop off locations for donations will be shared later.

- WSU Wellness Initiative October 11
  The event is 12:30-3:30 with Provost Lefever, held in the Woolsey Auditorium. Registration is required.

- Combined WSU – WSU Tech Senate Meeting rescheduling
  Although it was originally scheduled for October 30, this date did not work with WSU Tech, and so a new date is being arranged. President Dowling will share that information after it is decided.

Committee Reports

- Rules Committee – Mathew Muether, Chair
  Rules Committee presented a slate of candidates for serving on the Senate and committees. Senators discussed the merits of bringing nominees for the Academic Integrity Pool to the floor for approval, and Senator Myose noted these steps give Senate oversight of the process.
  The slate was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- President's Innovation Advisory Council (PIAC) – Bayram Yildirim, chair of PIAC
  Yildirim shared current priorities for the council: the biomedical campus, a potential performing arts facility in partnership with the City of Wichita, diversity education research and curriculum, and collaboration with the innovation campus and perhaps industry in Wichita more broadly as "the City is our Campus" is a driving focus of the university this year. The PIAC welcomes faculty input on what this group should focus on.

- Proposal for a new Associate of Sciences Degree – Brien Bolin and Patricia Phillips
  Bolin and Phillips presented the proposal for auto awarding an Associate of Science degree analogous to that given for the Associate of Arts. Bolin noted this is a student success measure, if students leave the university after these 60 credit hours, they will have accomplished a degree that can help them get a higher paying job. Senators questioned whether this would compete with community colleges and WSU Tech, though Phillips noted those institutions award an Associate of Applied Sciences, not the same AS degree. Senators from engineering and health professions made suggestions for courses to be included in the program, and Phillips shared she worked with advising centers to ensure the prerequisite courses for engineering and health professions are included. When asked about KBOR approval, Bolin noted that although KBOR will not review the program until it has been approved by the Senate, it has been reviewed by HLC and VP GlenMaye indicated it is likely to be approved by KBOR.

- Proposal for a new Bachelor of Business Administration in Hospitality Degree – Geri Markova and Gerald Graham
  Graham and Markova gave this presentation sharing that there is currently a market need for this managerial degree. Graham noted that the inspiration for this degree came from students and community members. They will partner with the hospitality programs of WSU Tech and Butler and are looking to also partner local high schools. This program will have no new faculty lines and will be filled with existing faculty and adjuncts. Senators pressed on the data regarding potential jobs in the area and whether it would require hours in low-level hospitality jobs. Markova stated that they won't be required to have low-level job but instead will require a job with some kind of experience for managerial work. This will be done as in coops and internships.

As May Arise

- None

Adjournment

- Muether adjourned the meeting at 4:56 pm.

Minutes prepared by John Hammond

Next Senate Meeting: October 23, 2023