

## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, November 27, 2023

3:30-5:00 pm Woolsey Hall 110A

### Attendance

**Present:** Ahmed, Allen, Barut, Billingham, Boynton, Bradley, Bussard, Butler, Castro, Celestin, Cluff, Dehner, Delacruz, Dowling, Dudley, Gilstrap, Hammond, Heilman, Hulett, Jamkartanian, Kuhlman, Lynch, Marble-Flint, Moody, Moscoso, Myose, Nicks, Pang, Parham, Price, Proctor, Rai, Ross, Sherwood, Small, Solomey, Sterrett, Storrer, Thompson, Urick, Williams

**Excused:** Bowen, Chang, Figy, Jarman, Markova, Muether, Pulaski, Sherif, Tew, Wallace

**Absent:** Bubp, Musaji, Salinas Monroy

### Call to Order

- President Dowling called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

### Approval of the minutes

- [Minutes from November 13, 2023](#), as amended by Senator Dehner, were approved by voice vote.

### Informal Statements and Proposals

- None

### President's Report

- Commencement Reminder – Per WSU Policy 4.11, faculty are expected to attend commencement. President Dowling encouraged faculty to come and support our students. Senator Myose also noted that food will be served.
- KBOR Update  
Two senior KBOR employees, Daniel Archer and Tara Lebar have left for other positions. President Dowling included a link to the KBOR HR job descriptions and inquired at the KBOR meeting about the expectations and process for hiring their replacements. She will share that information with the Senate when she learns it.
- WSU Policy 3.48 update  
Exec Committee met with representatives from Human Resources and General Council. They will be taking the Senate's feedback and revising the policy to bring forward again to the Senate in January. The policy will not be going into effect until a future date. Senator Allen noted that in a past General Faculty Meeting, then Provost Muma agreed to report to the Senate how many times the dismissal for cause policy was employed each year. This has not been done, and Senator Allen asks that the information for how many times it was used in the past five years be reported to the Senate in the next meeting.
- [Letter to faculty from Provost Lefever](#) about the visitor for the Barton Speaking Series on March 24, 2024.
- Reminder that WSU Winter Party is this Thursday.

## **Committee Reports**

- Rules Committee – policies brought forward for information  
[Policy 8.03 on Federal Work Study](#) is being updated from allowing a maximum of 20 hours to a maximum of 30 hours. Senators discussed the rationale for the policy change and requested clarification of the number of hours for each class of employee (including international).
- [Policy 19.18 on third party data transfers](#) was shared with recommendation from Senator Dehner to spell out Industry Defense Programs (IDP) first time appears in the policy for clarity.

## **Old Business**

- None

## **New Business**

- WSU Chapter of American Associate of University Presidents (AAUP) inquiry  
President Dowling shared an inquiry from the WSU Chapter of the AAUP regarding the policy surrounding the ombudsperson program. She noted the policy change was approved by the Senate in May 2021 but did not receive a General Faculty vote, as there was not a rule for electronic voting at the time during COVID restrictions. The Rules committee is charged with updating the Policy to update the Ombudsperson policy with approved language. Additionally, Ombudsperson Carolyn Shaw is working on an ombuds charter to further formalize the program. This will be shared with the Senate in a future meeting.
- [United Way presentation](#) – Brooklyn Blake

## **As May Arise**

- Senator Billingham shared that the Wichita City Council and Sedgwick County issued new bonds for a soccer field committing tax dollars for 20 years. He noted the Planning and Budget committee has not met to discuss faculty priorities for commitments of mill levy money and called on the committee to meet and report to the Senate the steps they are taking on this. President Dowling noted the committee will meet on Wednesday.

## **Adjournment**

- Dowling adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by John Hammond

Next Senate Meeting: January 22, 2024