

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2024

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

Attendance

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

Excused: Barut, Boynton, Bussard, Butler, Figy, Moody, Muether, Price, Storrer

Absent: Allen, Bubp

Call to Order

- President Dowling called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
Dowling asked that the agenda be amended in order that Zach Gearhardt's presentation be moved to immediately after the President's Report. (motion Urick; passes unanimously)

Approval of the minutes

- [Minutes from November 27, 2023](#), approved unanimously.

Informal Statements and Proposals

- Rhonda Williams [presented a statement](#) requesting the Senate proactively work on a standard that all university leaders scheduling courses consider Senate and committee meeting obligations.

President's Report

- KBOR Report – December 13 and January 17
 - The Lieutenant Governor spoke to the regents on partnership with industry and praised the new Panasonic facility in Kansas. WSU will be working to identify a point of contact for the “next big idea” for research and innovation partnership.
 - The BBA in Hospitality was approved by the Regents, and Provost Lefever requested a program name change for the current Sport Management program.
 - KBOR revealed a new 90 day notice to end of service policy; because WSU has already approved policy for Non-Tenure Track Faculty, all current and future WSU NTT faculty were specifically grandfathered into the existing policies.
 - The academic affairs subcommittee has been working on a dashboard related to program review that should be available soon.
 - Finally, the general education transfer policy is underway; AVP GlenMaye will report to the Senate in February about this progress.
- University Master Plan Town Halls will begin in February. Look for more information being announced in WSU Today.

- Title IX Training Reminder
Training is required by all faculty and students. Senator Lynch noted that the new program is shorter than previous years but observed a typo about the address of the crisis center downtown; President Dowling suggested he contact Dr. McHenry in order to get it corrected.
- Faculty Distinguished Service Award Nominations – Due January 26 by 5 pm.
- WSU and WSU Tech combined senates meeting January 29, 3:30-4:30 pm in Woolsey 110A.

Committee Reports

- Rules Committee – Roy Myose, on behalf of chair Mat Muether
Rules presented two candidates for membership on committees. Senate approved unanimously.
- President Dowling shared the [updated version of WSU Policy 4.04](#)
General Counsel proposed small edits to the policy which implements the language passed by the Senate in May 2021. This brings the policy and website into alignment. An ombuds charter is being drafted and will be brought to the Senate when it is completed.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- [Transition to Ultra](#)
John Jones, Executive Director of the Media Resources Center, presented details about the transition to Ultra and answered questions from faculty.
- [Campus Climate Invitation to Launch Luncheon](#)
Teri Hall, Vice President for Student Affairs, invited faculty to attend a Campus Climate Launch Lunch which will be held in the Beggs Ballroom on February 8. Look for RSVP information in WSU Today.
- FY 2025 Budget Cycle
Zach Gearhardt, University Chief of Staff, gave a high-level overview of the current proposed budget from the Governor. There are many steps in the legislative process before any numbers become finalized.
- Faculty Senate Planning & Budget Committee Update – Jolynn Dowling
President Dowling shared that the Senate's Planning and Budget Committee has resumed meeting. This body serves to give a voice for faculty in the university budgeting process.
 - [WSU Idea Generator](#) (to submit ideas to save WSU money and generate revenue for university budget).
 - Legislative Updates with Gearhardt – next update scheduled for January 26, 3 pm.

As May Arise

- Senator Billingham asked that the Provost present at a future Senate meeting regarding WSU's new inclement weather policy.
- Senator Rai commented that a proposal from SGA regarding the timing of students' access to syllabus and course materials should be discussed by the Senate at a future meeting.
- Senator Hammond announced that he created a [Visual Student Roster extension for Google Chrome](#) that securely pulls photos on Banner and encouraged faculty to contact him with questions.
- Senator Marble-Flint shared information about a fundraiser for child literacy – the Champions for Literacy Men's Basketball Game is Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 pm. [Team up with Shockers and become a Champion for Literacy](#)
- Senator Castro shared that the date for the Healthcare Research Roundtable and Summit, hosted by the President's Innovation Advisory Council (PIAC) and The Academic Center for Biomedical and Health Humanities (HealthHum) has been moved to March 22.

Adjournment

- Dowling adjourned the meeting at 4:56 pm.

Minutes prepared by John Hammond

Next Senate Meeting: January 29, 2024