

WSU and WSU Tech Combined Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 29, 2024

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

Attendance

Present: Ahmed, Billingham, Bowen, Boynton, Bradley, Bussard, Butler, Castro, Cluff, Dehner, Delacruz, Dowling, Dudley, Gilstrap, Hulett, Jamkartanian, Kuhlman, Lynch, Marble-Flint, Moody, Moscoso, Muether, Musaji, Nicks, Pang, Parham, Pulaski, Rai, Ross, Salinas Monroy, Sherif, Sherwood, Small, Solomey, Tew, Thompson, Urick, Williams.

Excused: Barut, Celestin, Figy, Hammond, Jarman, Myose, Price, Proctor, Sterrett, Storrer

Absent: Allen, Bubp, Chang, Heilman, Markova, Wallace

Call to Order

- President Dowling called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

Welcome and Introduction

- WSU Faculty Senate President Jo Dowling and WSU Tech Faculty Senate President Lauren Thornhill welcomed attendees and shared a description of their roles.

Update on the Wichita Biomedical Campus

- President Muma shared an update on progress with the BMC including its background, legislative appropriations, and groundbreaking plans for this spring. Of note, the state funds are the largest investment in a university in state history and the investments downtown are its largest as well. A governing Board of Directors and charter are in progress. Currently seeking additional public, federal, state, and or donor funding. Dean Hand from the College of Health professions shared CHP's excitement and continuing work forward. Several attendee questions were answered. See handout.

Introduction to the Academic Center for Biomedical Health and Humanities, HealthHum

- Dr. Susan Castro provided an overview of the newly formed initiative, progress to date, and future plans. A room on campus has just been assigned and a website is now up and running. See PowerPoint.

What's New at WSU Tech

- President Thornbill, along with Mathew Lewis and Chuck Kauffman shared highlights of What's New at WSU Tech.
 - The Higher Learning Commission 10-year reaccreditation visit is set for February 26-27, 2024.
 - Updates to the strategic plan are in progress.
 - Changing the Learning Management System from Blackboard to Canvas effective fall 2024.
 - Several new labs and facilities have opened.
 - Several grant funded future-ready centers have opened or will open this fall for healthcare, manufacturing, and IT.
 - City center location has new robotics and a new construction has begun to renovate the auto building.

As May Arise

- None

Adjournment

- President Dowling adjourned the meeting at 4:35.

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Williams

Next WSU Faculty Senate Meeting: February 12, 2024