

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2024

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

Attendance

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

Excused: Dudley, Figy, Price, Proctor, Pulaski, Ross, Storrer, Tew

Absent: Boynton, Bubp, Bussard, Markova

Call to Order

- President Dowling called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Approval of the minutes

- Minutes from the regular meeting [January 22, 2024](#) and the joint WSU-WSU Tech meeting [January 29, 2024](#) were approved unanimously.

Informal Statements and Proposals

- John Hammond [shared a statement on graduate student enrollment](#), in response to WSU President Muma's call to increase enrollment.
- Neal Allen asked that the University formalize a policy compensating those who cover courses long-term when faculty members who take maternity/paternity leave.

President's Report

- KBOR Report
KBOR is asking each institution to develop guidelines for the KBOR Faculty of the Year Award, a faculty-led award that recognizes tenured and tenure-eligible faculty at each of the Regents' universities. This is being worked on now, with the hope that KBOR can announce the first winners by the Fall.
- SGA Resolution on faculty profiles
SGA passed a resolution asking the University to provide information at the time of registration about course materials, pass/fail rates, and more about individual instructors. The Senate Executive Committee recommended the resolution return to the SGA to consider practical considerations around feasibility, workability, and privacy.
- E-Verify
WSU has adopted the E-Verify system in compliance with state legislative action.
- WSU Foundation President Elizabeth King is retiring.
At the time of the meeting, King's farewell reception was being held. Her replacement has been hired, and February will be King's final month with the WSU Foundation.

Committee Reports

- Policy updates from PET:
3.09 - English Language Proficiency: revisions to the policy were made to align with the minimum score set by KBOR for the spoken section of the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Test.
- 4.18 – Probationary Period: Updated Link (Maintenance) (changed incorrect link from 4.13 to 4.19).

Old Business

- [AIPC Policy Revision](#), first read – John Hammond
Hammond, Chair of the Academic Integrity Policy Committee, presented a recommendation from the committee to allow Student Conduct and Community Standards to apply educational sanctions for those students who admit to cheating. Senators discussed the need for this to be fair and not onerous while also providing a learning opportunity.
- [General Education Implementation](#) Update – Linnea GlenMaye
GlenMaye shared an overview of what has been accomplished in implementing the new general education transfer system. Of note is that the program exceptions were for one-year only, though Engineering and Elementary Education have a “blanket exception” indefinitely. Additionally, KBOR is forming four groups to create a 60-credit hour 2+2 agreement for business administration, nursing, computer science, and social work. She then noted future work that is still needed. Senators discussed details of her presentation, with GlenMaye providing further clarification.
- [WSU Ombuds Proposed Charter](#), first read – Carolyn Shaw
Shaw [shared a presentation](#) regarding the rationale for a formal charter for the WSU Ombuds program. She also shared anonymized data for visitors to the ombuds office showing the need. Senators had a robust conversation about the need for confidentiality in reporting while also valuing the need to identify long-term trends that might need addressing at an institutional level.

New Business

- [Inclement Weather Guidelines](#)
Senators discussed the weather guidelines. Provost Lefever clarified that the goal of these guidelines was to provide flexibility. In particular, she noted it was not a proscriptive policy but a guideline. Senators observed the wording of the email announcing the “snow day” at the start of the semester did not provide that clarity. Lefever asks that additional feedback be sent to her or to members of the Senate Executive Committee.

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- None

Adjournment

- Dowling adjourned the meeting at 5:06 pm.

Minutes prepared by John Hammond

Next Senate Meeting: February 26, 2024