

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 28, 2022**

**3:30-5:00 pm** Virtual meeting held via Zoom

Attendance 2021-2022

Alberton, Allen, Asmatulu, Bailey, Bann, Billingham, Bowen, Bray, Buerge, Bukonda, Byun, Carlson, Castro, Celestin, Cerri, Connor, Decker, Del Aguila, Dowling, Figy, Gilstrap, Hakansson, Hammond, Jarman, Lee, Marble-Flint, Meyer, Moody, Muether, Myose, Newman, Parham, Pisano, Price, Pulaski, Rai, Ramanan, Ross, Sherwood, Small, Solomey, Stone, Tamtam, Wallace, Williams, Zewde.

Excused: -

Absent: Baker, Boldsai Khan, Dudley, Johnson, Lockard, Mullins, Rawson, Richburg.

Agenda Item	Notes/Discussion/Process	Outcome/Action/Completed
<b>Call to order</b>	3:30 pm	
<b>Informal statements and proposals</b>	- None	
	President Bailey made a motion to alter the order of business to move new business before committee reports. Hammond seconded.	Voice vote; motion passed unanimously
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	<a href="#">February 14, 2022</a>	MSC
<b>President's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Covid FAQs</a></li> <li>• KBOR Meeting:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ KBOR is reaching out to a consulting group to review the program review process at the KBOR level. Each institution is providing three names to advise in the process. WSU provided Provost Lefever, VP Monk-Morgan, and AVP Linnea Glenmaye. Senator Billingham raised a concern that KBOR is going to make cuts to programs. President Bailey stated that the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents drafted a statement to KBOR that each institution offers various programs with each institution having a different mission. Duplication of programs across institutions should not be considered.</li> <li>○ KBOR did authorize that WSU will be able to count \$5M of currently allocated facility maintenance budget towards the \$15M deferred maintenance budget item.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Legislative Update: WSU President Muma has testified before the congressional budget subcommittees. The House and Senate budgets are very different. Senator Price inquired if the pay increase included staff, grad students, and student employees. Senator Allen noted that it wouldn't include student funding and further cautioned that the funding allocated for 5% increase in salaries doesn't mean 5% across the board.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EVP/Provost Search update: The final pool of candidates is being reviewed and the committee will be selected those candidates to come to campus for on-campus interviews. When the schedules are created, they will be shared in order for constituent groups to meet with the candidates.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Proposed Changes to CoE Certificate</a> (first read) - Dr. Raina Rutti, Chair, Academic Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator Myose gave the background that WSU advertises that certificates can be stacked towards a degree and that the minimum standard for each course in the certificate is C or better, while the minimum standard for a degree at WSU is 2.0 average rather than a C or better in each individual course.</li> <li>• A Senator raised the point that the certificate requiring a higher standard makes sense as we are “certifying their competence” in a particular area with many Senators making statements to this effect. When inquired how many students this issue impacts, it was reported that it was two students in the fall semester.</li> <li>• President Bailey referred this policy back to Academic Affairs committee to review if the proposing college would like to make changes, otherwise the next time it is on the agenda it will serve as a second read and the Senate will take a vote.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	<p>Rules Committee - Susan Castro, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FYI – interim Senators were approved by the Rules Committee and will serve for the remainder of the Spring term.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Proposed Rules Changes</a> (first read) regarding representation on Faculty Affairs committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Faculty Affairs committee currently prohibits NTT faculty serving on the committee. In the <a href="#">October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting</a> the Senate discussed this issue and sent it to Rules Committee to decide appropriate language. The proposal is to remove “Probationary or Tenured” from the policy language.</li> <li>○ Senators raised concerns about this policy perhaps putting pressure on junior faculty and non-tenure faculty to serve on the committee. Senator Castro stated that the Rules Committee practice actively avoids these concerns as it seeks to prioritize diversity of every kind when making nominations for committees. A Senator noted a concern that trying to align the roles as a catch-all faculty will weaken the concept of tenure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Proposed Revision of Charges to Planning &amp; Budget Committee</a> (first read) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senator Billingham took issue with removing charges 6 through 9 noting that in his opinion faculty should be meeting with KBOR and the legislature. Senator Allen noted that those original charges were</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>functionally impossible. He also notes that President Muma, in an Executive Committee meeting stated that the way to give faculty a voice on budget issues is to modify charges of this committee to get them working. Senator Allen then made a motion to vote on this today. Senator Pulaski urges senators take time to consider the policy and vote in the next meeting. Senator Allen withdraws his motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senator Castro states that charge 3, to attend and advise the President’s Budget Advisory Committee on faculty budget priorities, increases the real authority of the committee.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>As May Arise</b></p>	<p>Emailed question, read by President Bailey: with the new CDC guidelines, will WSU change COVID restrictions? Provost Lefever stated that the current mask mandate is tied to a federal Executive Order because WSU has federal contracts. WSU is currently reviewing contracts to see if lifting the mask mandate would be acceptable per the contract.</p> <p>Senators asked that messaging be sent out to remind faculty and students of current policy, and a Senator urged the University continue the policy adopted at the start of the semester through the remainder of the semester.</p>	

Adjourn: 4:51 pm

**Next Senate Meeting: March 28, 2022, 3:30-5:00 pm, via Zoom.**

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