General Faculty Meeting Minutes

Woolsey Auditorium 110A/B

Friday, March 31, 2023

3:32 - 5:03 pm

Summary of Action

- Approved motion to change to the Bylaws of General Faculty Meeting to allow for dual-mode / online meetings
- Approved motion to adopt the General Education Policy as submitted by the Faculty Senate.

Meeting called to Order at 3:32 by Susan Castro, Senate President

John Hammond was appointed Secretary and Jolynn Dowling was appointed Parliamentarian.

- 1. Moment of Silence for Deceased Faculty
- 2. Approval of Minutes: April 2019
- 3. Update and Recommended Proposals from the Faculty Senate
 - a. Faculty Senate Recommends Motion to change the Bylaws of General Faculty Meeting to allow for dual-mode / online meetings. President Castro notes that this gives the Faculty Senate President the option to hold meetings online in the future. This policy was passed by the Faculty Senate in November 2021 and requires approval by the General Faculty Assembly. Motioned, seconded. Approved by VOTE by show of hands (135 in favor; 3 against).
 - b. <u>Faculty Senate Recommends Motion to adopt the General Education Transfer Policy</u>. President Castro described the policy approved by the Senate and noted that the General Assembly was voting on the policy itself, not on the courses that would live in each "bucket."

Motion to change the order of business to first hear amendment: replace the General Education Proposal with instead preserving our current General Education Program. The Parliamentarian rules that the motion may be considered.

- In response to a question from the floor, the Parliamentarian additionally rules that votes must be open, citing the State of Kansas' interpretation of what bodies must hold open meetings.
- Motion fails by VOTE on the motion by show of hands (34 in favor; 104 against)

Amendment: Remove the requirement of 3 hours of First-Year Seminar from Bucket #7; motioned and seconded.

- After discussion the question is called.
- Amendment fails by VOTE on the amendment by show of hands (58 in favor; 85 against).

Amendment: Allow First Year Seminar (FYS) courses to be counted as a disciplinary course in Bucket #5 or #6, as originally proposed by the General Education Committee

- o After discussion the question is called.
- Amendment fails by VOTE on the amendment by show of hands (29 in favor; 117 against).

Motion to retain our current General Education policy. Seconded. After discussion, Parliamentarian rules the motion is out of order.

Motion to extend the meeting. Seconded. Fails by VOTE by show of hands (47 in favor; 88 against).

Motion approved by VOTE by show of hands (102 in favor; 36 against).

Meeting adjourned.