

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2020

3:30 - 5:00 pm (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

Senators Present: Bailey, Barut, Billingham, Bowen, Bray, Buerge, Bukonda, Carlson, Castro, Celestin, Clawson, Core, Decker, Dowling, English, Figy, Flynn, Granada, Hakansson, Hammond, Harrison, Hill, Hull, Jarman, Kalomo, Lee, Lockard, Marble-Flint, Markova, Millar, Moody, Mozzani, Muthitacharoen, Myose, Navarro, Newman, Nicks, Price, Pulaski, Ross, Schwartz, Small, Smith-Campbell, Solomey, Sternfeld-Dunn, Storrer, Sylvester, Weheba, Yildirim

Absent: Ahmed, Jeffres, Ma, Mirasol, Mullins, Popejoy, Tamtam, Zewde

[Link to attendance for 2019-2020](#)

Agenda Item	Process / External Link	Notes and Outcome/Action/Completed
Call to order		3:30 pm
Informal statements & proposals		None
Approval of minutes	April 27, 2020	Moved & seconded, approved unanimously
President's Report	Senate President Jarman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Return to campus training / video<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Good supervisor video is already available, employee version is coming soon○ Masks for employees will be available and cleaning material will be available soon• Summer & fall classes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Summer classes will all be online or remote○ Fall classes still in the works – trying to get classes that MUST meet in-person into larger rooms, but classes that were originally in those rooms will be displaced [because social distancing requirements are not being met (i.e. class enrollment exceeds new quota)]• Townhall<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There were 500 participants in the first townhall, and 700 in the second○ There may be another townhall on the Friday before Memorial day○ Please send suggestions for topics & questions to be covered to Senate President Jarman○ A senator asked if there will be a graduation ceremony; response by Senate President Jarman: there will be a physical ceremony in October, students can also walk in the December ceremony; Provost Muma also responded that there will be a virtual ceremony on 16 May• Convergence science proposal deadline has been extended to 8 June (instead of 1 June)• The Student Government Association passed a resolution (link here) requesting that faculty relax the requirements for semester grade; Senate President Jarman commented that this is another sign that students are anxious about their grades• President's Distinguished Service Award & Faculty Award winners were mentioned & congratulated
Committee Reports	Rules: Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn Other committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rules committee recommended Kelly Johnson (Digital Arts) & Jim Bann (Math/Natural Science) to fill open slots in next year's Senate – Senators voted to pass this recommendation
Point of Personal	Senate President Jarman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some of the accomplishments during this year: welcomed the Interim President, passed a new

Privilege (Remarks)		<p>General Education program for the university, passed a new faculty workload policy, welcomed the new President, and then the challenges associated with the Coronavirus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks from Senate President Jarman to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provost Muma for always keeping in contact with the Senate & Senate Executive team; many Provosts in the other [KBOR] schools do not include the Senates in the loop [for communications and “goings on”] ○ Lee Ann Birdwell, staff secretary for the Senate, for all her help and support ○ The Senators as well as faculty serving in committees – without their time & commitment, it would be difficult to accomplish everything that needs to be done at this university ○ Members of the Senate Executive team including Betty Smith-Campbell, Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Gery Markova, Roy Myose, Jeff Pulaski, Whitney Bailey, and Susan Castro – we met every Monday [for the Senate or Executive Committee meetings], for frank discussions to make the Senate run better; it has been a tremendous year, and it would not have been possible without everyone’s help ○ Will present (in the future) a plaque to each Executive Committee member that is normally presented to the Executive Committee members
As May Arise		None
Adjourn		3:50 pm

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Monday, May 11, 2020 - Immediately following 2019-2020 Senate meeting

3:30 - 5:00 pm (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

AY 2020-2021 Senators Present: Allen, Bailey, Bann, Beamer, Billingham, Bowen, Bray, Buerge, Bukonda, Byun, Carlson, Castro, Celestin, Connor, Core, Decker, Dowling, Figy, Flynn, Hakansson, Hammond, Harrison, Hull, Jarman, Johnson, Kalomo, Lee, Lockard, Marble-Flint, Markova, Millar, Moody, Mozzani, Muthitacharoen, Myose, Navarro, Newman, Parham, Price, Pulaski, Ramanan, Rawson, Ross, Schwartz, Small, Smith Campbell, Sternfeld-Dunn, Storrer, Sylvester, Weheba

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Call to order		3:50 pm
Point of Personal Privilege (Remarks)	Senate President Sternfeld-Dunn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke about Past-President Jarman – he has raised the bar to a very high level which will be very difficult to follow; also learned a number of things about leadership from him; Jeff is very loyal to Wichita State and is willing to speak up when the administration is not operating in the best interests of the university <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Past-President Jarman is an avid biker – presented a WSU bike jersey as a gift ○ His sense of fashion is unique – also gave a gift membership to the Bow Tie of the Month Club ○ Finally, President Sternfeld-Dunn thanked Past-President Jarman for his service over the last two years and for his leadership • President Sternfeld-Dunn expressed his view about the importance of shared governance, and asked everyone to please give feedback to him during the course of the following year

<p>New Executive Committee</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Sternfeld-Dunn expressed a desire for diversity in the Executive Committee, to have as much representation from the various Colleges as possible • The slate of candidates presented by President Sternfeld-Dunn [himself from Fine Arts] are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whitney Bailey [from Applied Studies] for President-elect ○ Roy Myose [from Engineering] for Vice President ○ John Hammond [from LAS Math/Sciences Division] for Secretary ○ Jolynn Dowling [from Health Professions] for Committee member ○ Shirlene Small [from LAS Social Sciences Division] for Committee member ○ Neal Allen [from LAS Social Sciences Division] will be the Committee member appointed by the President ○ Past-President Jarman [from LAS Social Sciences Division] will continue to serve on the Executive Committee ○ President Sternfeld-Dunn requested that Paul Harrison [from Barton School of Business] serve as an ex-officio member in order to provide representation on the Executive from the School of Business (based on similar ex-officio appointment several years ago) • President Sternfeld-Dunn asked if there are any nominations from the floor – none • Vote in favor of the suggested slate was unanimous
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Applied Linguistics Proposal - 1st read</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mythilli Menon (Assistant Professor of English), first author of this proposal described the degree program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasis is linguistics applied to different areas with three tracks: 1) [traditional track] within LAS, 2) within Health Professions with an emphasis on Communications Sciences and Disorders, and 3) within Engineering, especially Electrical [& Computer] Engineering focused on data analytics & computer science for those intending to work at companies such as Google, Apple, and Amazon to create voice assistance programs such as Alexa ○ Applied Linguistics fits in well with the President’s Convergence Science Initiative ○ There is no other applied linguistics degree/major in the state of Kansas – KU only has a [traditional] linguistics program, not applied linguistics ○ No additional resources are required – all courses are already being taught at WSU [by existing faculty] • Francis Conner [from the English Dept.] also spoke in support of the proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WSU is known to be innovative; and this is a very innovative program ○ It will be valuable for anyone trying to gather and organize data ○ Linguistics has been part of the English department, and a minor in Linguistics is offered ○ Applied Linguistics fits in well with the President’s Convergence Science Initiative • John Hammond who teaches Discrete Mathematics [required by Computer Science majors], which is one of the courses that is a part of this program spoke in support of the proposal <p>Question and answer session followed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Senator asked whether there is commitment from LAS for the new hire in the third year of the program – is it guaranteed? Response: Dean Hippisley is committed and it is in the pipeline; follow-up question by the Senator: this is a concern for LAS when there is hiring freeze and potential furlough if this is a commitment; response by proposer: this discussion [commitment] occurred before the current Coronavirus crisis

- A Senator commented that there is high demand for interpreters and American sign language (ASL) ability, but the proposed program does not seem to include the possibility of utilizing upper level courses in ASL as electives; question was asked whether lower level ASL course will be enough [for an Applied Linguistics degree]? Mythilli Menon responded that paperwork for cross-listing the lower level ASL course was already in the pipeline – this does not mean that the three upper level ASL won't count as electives, it is just that the paperwork process hasn't been started yet
- A Senator asked what an expanded program will look like and how it would be funded if it expands? Response by Mythilli Menon: this proposal is intended to be a launchpad, the Linguistics minor was started four years ago; the Applied Linguistics program has been in the works for some time and we would like it to grow, perhaps as a Master's degree program; also thinking about digital English as a potential area; new hire could fit in together with other efforts in English
- A Senator commented that he appreciated the amount of effort and thought put into the proposal and asked what the contingency plan is, for example if someone leaves or unexpected costs occur? Response by Mythilli Menon: student survey shows a strong interest in this major – very confident [about demand for this major], venues to target include high schools, and already speaking to high school students
- A Senator commented that there are probably great opportunities to tie in and work together with the Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures [MCLL] department – how do you envision this working? Mythilli Menon responded that a couple of classes are already cross-listed; Spanish and French majors already minor in Linguistics; double major would open opportunities for those individuals; Rachel Showstack from MCLL commented as a follow-up that there are students interested in such a double major, and it would be a good tie-in; Applied Linguistics also ties in with [health disparity] equality issues such as helping non-English speakers in a health care setting
- A Senator asked a two part question: 1) the university is not expecting significant growth in enrollment so if we do not grow [at WSU], where would students [for Applied Linguistics] come from, and 2) how was the survey mentioned in the proposal conducted? Were the survey sample students taking the Linguistics classes or were they from a random sample of the entire WSU population? Response by Mythilli Menon: want to reach out to USD 259 because we currently have students interested in teaching with USD 259; thus, we will tap into this [future] pool by making presentations in high school foreign language classes to give a better view of what applied linguistics is; in terms of the second question, students taking my courses were surveyed which consisted of students from various majors; the survey was also sent to students in the linguistics minor as well as students in lower level Linguistics classes consisting of various majors
- Doug Parham (Communications Sciences & Disorders, a co-author for the proposal) spoke in support and responded to the question raised: this program includes courses that are already being taught; in terms of where the students will come from – many students select a major in the sophomore year of college after finding / learning about it [i.e., their eventual major] so an interdisciplinary major will be very attractive to many students

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Sternfeld-Dunn mentioned that this is a first reading of the proposal, and a second reading will occur during an August Senate meeting; there is somewhat of a timing logistics concern to have two readings of the proposal before potential KBOR presentation
Future Senate Meetings	Senate President Sternfeld-Dunn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate meetings in the Fall semester will continue to be on Zoom so that at-risk faculty do not have to be concerned about health issues from face-to-face meetings
As May Arise		None
Adjourn		4:35 pm

Next Senate Meeting in August 2020