

## **Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Monday November 27, 2017**

3:30 - 5:00 CH 126

**Senators Present:** Robert Bass, Judy Babnich, George Dehner, Jibo He, Jay Price, Nikki Keene Woods, Nick Solomey, Bayram Yildirim, Jeff Pulaski, Anil Mahapatro, Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Jens Kreinath, Abu Asaduzzaman, Betty

WSU is now providing training for accessibility under My Courses>Continuing Ed> Foundations of Accessibility. Faculty are automatically enrolled staff can request to be enrolled. Grad students also have access to the training. WSU is required to offer this training, but faculty are not required to take the training at this time.

**V. Committee Reports**

- i.** Undergraduate Research committee - John Hammond  
We

1. Recommend changes to the Senate rules and constitution to the Senate and update the rules and constitution to reflect changes passed by the Senate. > In process review of faculty policies 4.22 Performance related Dismissal, 4.23 (chronic low performance), 4.15 Post-Tenure Review for Faculty

2. Recommend changes to the bylaws of the University Faculty and updates the bylaws to reflect any changes made. > Goal to review prior to the end of the academic year.

3. Recommend to the Senate procedures and policies for the Senate elections. The Vice President of the Senate conducts the elections. > Goal to review Jan/Feb.

4. Recommend to the Senate changes to the Senate committee structure and changes in the procedures for appointing faculty, administrators, and staff to these committees, and nominate candidates for the committees to the Senate for its approval. In making nominations the committee is not restricted to nominations from Senate categories or committee preference forms, but should strive to create the strongest and most effective committees. s6(14)] hTJETmmegSFac

v. Admissions and Exceptions – Rachel Crane

The UAEC met on 6 occasions from the beginning of FY18 (July – November, 2017). The Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and with an additional meeting in August to handle a potentially larger number of petitions. Meetings are generally 2hours in length.

Issues discussed:

- Insufficient information provided on college agendas (there have been some turnovers in college representatives)

T=Tabled

MW=Medical Withdrawal

\*\*College Only, denied petition

Note: the Committee heard no petitions for a 'Change of Grade' or for 'Academic Forgiveness.' These cases are only brought to a hearing of the meeting when they do not meet the catalog requirements and/or the rules and regulations of WSU. They are normally considered by the Committee to be 'pre-approved.'

Additionally, while it has not been a point of discussion for the committee, it has been observed that a larger than anticipated number of students have submitted petitions to "Allow American Sign Language to fulfill the foreign language requirement for graduation." All 51, petitions have been granted through LAS. Such a high number for such a specific request may be interpreted to mean that such a substitution in graduation requirements is no longer viewed as an exception in the College of LAS. Perhaps the College of LAS may wish to review the process relating to this exception?

**vii.** Court of Appeals – Kirsten Johnson

The Court met three times in the Fall 2017, hearing one case in September and two cases in October.

Finding out what would be involved in a review of the entire Gen Ed Program

“Math Pathway” request

Asking academic department chairs to review the syllabi of their Gen Ed courses that are being taught this semester to make sure they still support Gen Ed Goals

Total of 4 gen.ed proposals considered

**ix.** Faculty Affairs Committee – Pina Mozzani

Fall 2017: Meeting time Tuesday 12:30 – 1:50

Fall semester: meetings two to three times a month, last Spring was more often.

1. Incorporation of the Uniscope Model into the WSU University FAR
2. KBOR/WSU Social Media Policy
3. 120 credit hour push from KBOR, and WSU General Education requirements.
4. Introduction of new members, determination of a meeting time that would work for all

Spring of 2018:

We are planning to meet twice a month, depending on the Senate charges.

Our new time will be Tuesdays at 2:30, to accommodate one of our new member

## VI. Ad Hoc committee Reports

- o Academic Honesty Committee - Dennis Livesay  
Has met several times, is finalizing new process to be vetted by Senate, Graduate Council, Council of Deans.
  - o Timekeeping Committee - Janice Ewing (faculty rep)  
Has received 8 proposals, will be bringing 2 companies onto campus after Thanksgiving to give presentations of their products.
  - o SPTE Committee - Bayram Yildirim  
wrapping up their work and making a recommendation shortly
  - o [Faculty Compensation committee](#)
- x Faculty compensation committee - Carolyn Shaw, Jodie Hertzog, Gery Markova (faculty reps)
- Reviewed salary data comparing WSU with 400 other institutions. Data was broken out in various ways and is available on the Faculty Senate web site. The committee is in the process of evaluating internal data across disciplines at WSU.

## VII. New Business

- i. **Molly Gordon** Accessibility Committee

Reviewed