

# Faculty Senate Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017 at EAB Conference Room 358, 1:30 PM

## I. Attendance:

J. Aleshunas, L. Baden, K. Corley, A. Geraghty-Rathert, G. Glasgow, T. Green, M. Hulsizer, J. Palmer, D. Psihountas, T. Reilly, G. Renz, B. Rodney, S. Schroeder, Q. Shao, and H. Singaravelu.

## II. Approval of Minutes:

1. Minutes of the February 2, 2017, Senate meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by G. Glasgow, seconded by J. Aleshunas.

## III. Old Business:

2. Senate unanimously approved G. Renz request that in the future regular Senate meetings will be held from 1:30-3:30 PM.
3. Task forces and committees
  - G. Renz said Tom Cornell has agreed to be on the Bias Incident Reporting Review Committee.
  - L. Baden said Terry Sullivan has agreed to be on the Marketing Advisory Committee.
  - G. Renz updated Senate on his lack of progress in creating the new Finance Advisory Committee, Marketing Advisory Committee, and Bias Incident Reporting Review Committee. G. Renz reported that Provost Schuster objected to the Senate-approved purpose and scope of the Finance Advisory Committee in an email sent to G. Renz. The Senate discussed Provost Schuster's email and objections.
  - G. Renz said he has meetings scheduled over the next two weeks with Provost Schuster, Rick Rockwell, and Ana Karaman to discuss the purpose and scope of the Finance Advisory Committee and the Marketing Advisory Committee.
  - After extensive discussion, the Senate agreed that G. Renz should continue to push the administration to form the Finance Advisory Committee, Marketing Advisory Committee, and Bias Incident Reporting Review Committee and to have all the committees start meeting as soon as possible.

## IV. New Business:

4. Carol Guehring and Gary Renz will visit the River City Casino to look at their facilities as a possible venue for the Fall 2017 Faculty Institute.
5. Senators informally agreed that it is unnecessary for the Fall 2017 Faculty Institute to last two consecutive days, especially if it will be held locally. This will save money as well.
6. The Senate agreed that Carol Guehring will try to schedule meeting space in the University Center on the afternoon of Friday, April 13, 2018 for the Spring 2018 Faculty Institute. If this is not available, then Friday afternoon, April 20, 2018 is an acceptable alternate date.

7. The Senate approved unanimously a motion by L. Baden, seconded by A. Geraghty-Rathert, that Terri Reilly replace Tori Meyer on the Accessibility Committee for the Spring 2017 semester.
8. The Senate approved unanimously a motion by R. Assner-Alvey, seconded by D. Psihountas, that Brad Loudenback replace R. Assner-Alvey on the Committee to Review Faculty for the 2017-16 academic year.
9. The Senate discussed inconsistencies between the University Handbook and the current configuration of the Curriculum Committee regarding the number of committee members and their term length. According to the University Handbook, there should be only one elected member from each college or school who serves a 2 year term, plus three at-large representatives. However, currently there are two elected members from each college or school who apparently serve a 3 year term, plus three at-large representatives. B. Rodney explained that the committee's configuration was changed years ago to avoid having important decisions made by only a small number of people and because the committee wanted input from more faculty members on decisions. Nobody knew why the University Handbook was not changed to reflect this decision. To correct the situation, the Senate took the following actions:
  - a. The Senate approved unanimously a motion by D. Psihountas, seconded by T. Reilly, to change the University Handbook to reflect the current Curriculum Committee configuration of two elected representatives from each college or school, plus three elected At-Large representatives.
  - b. The Senate approved unanimously a motion by S. Schroeder, seconded by B. Rodney, to keep the term length at 2 years for the Curriculum Committee, which is consistent with the current language in the University Handbook so no changes are necessary.
10. The Senate discussed what should be the rule regarding the term length for committee replacements. The University Handbook is apparently silent on this issue, except in the case of the Senate. The problem is that if replacement members only serve one year, then in some cases the committee's "stagger" for elections is impacted and too many seats may be up for election in a given year. No decision was made and Senators will think about how to handle this issue, which will be discussed later.
11. The Senate discussed how voting for committee seats reserved for schools and colleges has been handled in past elections. One question was whether faculty members should be allowed to vote for representatives for all colleges and schools, or only for representative of their own college or school? In the past faculty members have been allowed to vote for representatives from other school and colleges besides their own school or college. No decision was made. C. Guehring will speak with BallotBox to discuss past practice.
12. The Senate discussed the present practice of having a second week for self-nominations or withdrawal of a prior self-nomination. G. Renz noted that this

practice leads to making all elections three weeks in length. Three weeks could be eliminated from the spring elections each year by having one week for self-nominations and one week for the balloting. It is too late to make any changes for this election year, but the Senate agreed to discuss this issue sometime in the future.

13. The Senate discussed whether the Senate meeting scheduled for May 18, 2017 should be moved to May 11, 2017. The Senate needs to meet to make committee appointments. Nothing was decided and the issue was tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM