

Faculty Senate Minutes

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Alumni House 2:00-3:30 PM

I. Attendance:

J. Aleshunas, R. Assner-Alvey, K. Corley, G. Glasgow, M. Hulsizer, D. Psihountas, T. F. Reilley, G. Renz, B. Rodney, J. Sencibaugh, H. Singaravelu, J. Stulce

II. Summer and academic year schedule

A. Senators agreed the next Senate meeting would be July 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Alumni House, subject to being canceled if it is not necessary to meet.

III. Teleconferencing, quorum and voting by phone

A. The Senators agreed that once teleconferencing equipment was installed in the Senate meeting room, Senators calling in to a meeting would be counted toward a quorum and their votes would be counted.

IV. Basiyr Rodney selected as Vice President

A. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Senate unanimously approved Basiyr Rodney to be Vice-President of the Senate.

V. Filling open seats on Senate committees

A. The Senate agreed that the Senators from the schools/colleges having open committee seats will meet among themselves and make recommendations for appointments to the committees. The candidates will be subject to full Senate approval. The Senators agreed that Senate approval could be done by email over the summer.

B. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Senate unanimously approved Stacy Henning to a special one-year term on the Multi-Cultural Studies Committee, replacing Hsin-Hsin Huang.

C. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Senate unanimously approved Julie Setele to a special one-year term on the Multi-Cultural Studies Committee, replacing Jon Bum Kwon.

D. The Senate agreed to wait to nominate and select a replacement for the 1 vacant at-large Senate seat created by Martha Smith's resignation until after the school/college openings have been filled.

E. The Senate agreed to not appoint a replacement for Joe Sencibaugh on the Institutional Review Board because the status of that committee is in transition.

VI. Fall Institute 2016

A. The Senate agreed that the Fall Institute for 2016 would focus on the theme "Webster Today and Tomorrow." The specific topics and the meeting format were not decided.

VII. Senate ad hoc committees, white papers, recommendations, and policy statements

A. The Senate discussed using ad hoc committees more extensively to evaluate issues and make recommendations to the Senate, as outlined in the meeting agenda. No action was deemed necessary and no vote was taken.

- B. The Senate discussed more extensively developing and disseminating white papers, policy statements, and recommendations on important university issues in the future, as outlined in the meeting agenda. No action was deemed necessary and no vote was taken.

VIII. Old Business: Pay for performance issue in School of Communications

- A. M. Hulsizer and K. Corley updated the Senate on a pay for performance issue that had arisen in the School of Communication. This past spring, M. Hulsizer and Gwyneth Williams met with the dean of the School of Communications and Provost Schuster on the issue. The Senate asked M. Hulsizer and K. Corley to continue working on the issue and report back to the Senate.

IX. 2016-17 budget update (in executive session)

- A. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Senate entered executive session to receive a report by G. Renz on the Webster 2016-17 Budget. The Senate left executive session at approximately 3:40 PM when the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:40 PM.

These minutes will be distributed by email to the Senators for review and comment in June, but will be approved at the next Senate meeting.