

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
Thursday, September 1, 2016  
Alumni House 2:00-3:30 PM

**I. Attendance:**

John Aleshunas, Robin Assner-Alvey, Larry Baden, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Gary Glasgow, Ryan Groeneman, Mike Hulsizer, Debbie Psihountas, Gary Renz, Terri F. Reilly, Eric Rhiney, Basiyr Rodney, Joe Sencibaugh, Hemla Singaravelu, Jill Stulce.

**II. Minutes**

The Minutes for August 18, 2016 meeting were not approved. Some Senators asked for more detail on G. William's presentation to be in the minutes. G. Renz agreed to redraft and resubmit for approval. He asked Senators to email suggested language if they wanted.

**III. President's Report:**

- A. Reminded the Senate that there will group and individual photos taken at the September 15 Senate meeting.
- B. Reported that we need to replace Silvia Navia on the Committee to Review Faculty (CRF) for one year. She is an at-large appointed member. G. Renz has asked Rich Dippel and Joe Schuster, co-chairs of CRF, to recommend a replacement to the Senate. The Senate will also generate recommendations for the next meeting.
- C. Still working to get FY 2017 Webster budget made public.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Committee Vacancies/Additions

1. Faculty Senate:

- a. Stephanie Schroeder was approved as "at-large" Senator for the current academic year, replacing Marty Smith. Paper-Ballot Vote: Majority approved Schroeder
- b. Quinn Shao was approved as an "at-large" Senator for Spring 2017, replacing Ryan Groeneman. Motion by G. Renz, seconded M. Hulsizer, unanimously approved.
- c. Ted Green was approved as a School of Education Senator for Spring 2017, replacing Joe Sencibaugh. Motion by R. Groeneman, seconded A. Geraghty-Rathert, unanimously approved.

2. International Studies Committee:

- a. Hasmik Chakaryan was approved as College of Arts and Science representative, replacing Elsa Fan. Motion by T. Reilly, seconded G. Renz, unanimously approved.

3. Global Citizenship Program Committee:

- a. Terrence Sullivan was approved as School of Communications representative for one year. No candidate had run in the election. Motion by L. Baden, seconded R. Assner-Alvey, unanimously approved.

B. Update on the Fall Faculty Institute Agenda (Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2016)

- 1. T. Reilly updated the Senate on the administrative preparations for the Fall Institute. She said the number of rooms is limited. She will use a Qualtrics survey to make Pere Marquette room and catering arrangements. E. Rhiney will assist with Qualtrics survey.

2. T. Reilly asked Senators to volunteer to be Reporters and Moderators at breakout sessions, as well as assist with other miscellaneous duties.
  3. G. Renz asked for Senate input on alternative types of breakout sessions. Many ideas were discussed, but the format remains open.
- C. Update on School of Communications pay issue  
M. Hulsizer said he continues to monitor the School of Communications pay for performance issue and will report back to the Senate.
- D. Update on September 20th Faculty Assembly  
G. Renz reported that Jill Gray from Adobe will present on the Adobe computing cloud programs Webster is purchasing. Provost Schuster has agreed to discuss Fall and Summer enrollments and their effect on FY 2017 budget.
- E. Ad hoc committee on University Handbook language and processes on changes in status from FDL to Tenure and from Tenure to FDL  
Rich Dippel and G. Renz worked this summer to revise procedures regarding change in status from FDL to Tenure and Tenure to FDL. More work needs to be done through an ad hoc committee. Renz asked if any Senators wanted to be on the committee. No one wanted to be on the committee. Rich Dippel and G. Renz will bring changes back to the Senate for approval before sending to administration.
- F. Campus-Wide Smoking Ban Proposed Resolution by SGA  
B. Rodney reported on his meetings with SGA President C. Wiley on the language of the SGA proposed ban on smoking on campus. The Senate did not express an opinion on the merits of the proposal.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The Senate informally agreed with G. Renz' request to create a new "Senate coordinator" position to assist with Senate administrative matters. T. Reilly has been performing these duties since June. There is currently no additional pay or stipend for this position.
- B. The Senate discussed who should be on faculty assembly list server. There is currently no policy on this in the University Handbook. The issue is whether the faculty assembly list server should be limited to members of the faculty assembly or open to others, including adjuncts, instructors, and lecturers. After discussion, no decision was reached and the matter was tabled until later.
- C. T. Reilly and A. Geraghty-Rathert offered to work with G. Renz to review the University Handbook to ensure the language regarding different types of faculty (p.5) and who can be a member of the Faculty Assembly (pp. 5, 18) are used consistently throughout the Handbook.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 PM.