

## Faculty Senate Minutes

### Thursday, August 22, 2019, Alumni House, 2:30 PM

#### I. Attendance

K. Armbruster, J. Bohus, L. Cuille, P. Davis, G. Gaslgow, S. Jensen, J. Lassetter, B. Lynch, D. MacCartney, J. Palmer, KK Pease, T. Reilly, L. Risik.

- II. President Lynch welcomed everyone and had each Senator introduce themselves. He explained his expectations for meeting proceedings and for the Senate as a whole. His goal for the Senate is to operate actively and effectively as leaders and not be a reactive body. He will begin and end meetings on time and they should never be longer than a class period. He will endeavor to provide the Senate with the Agenda and previous minutes no later than the Monday before a meeting and if anyone has any amendments to please contact C. Guehring. He wants to demonstrate to the administration and to colleagues that the work Faculty Senate does is important and they are effective.

President Lynch explained that his main goal for the year is to comprehensively revise the University Policy Handbook to bring it up to date.

Another goal is to actively participate in the discussions concerning a possible reduction in credit hour requirements to graduate. He does not want the administration to unilaterally make this decision.

#### III. Old Business

1. KK Pease was unanimously elected VP of the Senate for a second term for the AY 2019-2020.
2. *The Senate unanimously approved a motion by J. Lassetter, seconded by K. Armbruster, to remove the Accessibility Committee from the University Policy Handbook as a Faculty Senate committee and refer it to the office of Diversity and Inclusion.*
3. *The Senate unanimously approved a motion by J. Palmer, seconded by J. Lassetter, that Deborah Stiles be appointed to the Faculty Senate as a representative for the School of Education for a one-year term ending in May 2020.*
4. President Lynch instructed the Senate to talk to colleagues before the next Senate meeting regarding current open Senate Committee seats and to come back with possible names to fill the seats for the next meeting.

#### **IV. New Business**

1. Senate Budget – Finance did not apply the \$5,500 prepayment for the 2019 Fall Institute at Pere Marquette to last year's budget as was discussed between G. Renz, Provost Schuster and Rick Meyer. Therefore, the Senate will be 'in the hole' after the Fall Institute and President Lynch will have to work this out with the administration. The 2019-2020 Senate budget was cut by approximately \$7,000 from last year's budget. There will be nothing left for the 2020 Spring Institute.
2. KK Pease updated the Senate on the progress of the content for the 2019 Fall Institute at Pere Marquette. She requested note takers and leaders for the three breakout sessions. President Lynch instructed everyone to send any feedback concerning her content outline directly to KK Pease no later than August 29 so that it may be revised and distributed to the Assembly prior to the Institute.
3. K. Armbruster gave an update on the Town Hall meeting taking place on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 concerning re-envisioning Webster University. She explained that she has a survey for faculty to complete in order to find out interest in this topic and what topics are important to them. If there is time at the meeting, there will be a small group activity. President Lynch instructed the Senate to forward any suggestions for the meeting directly to K. Armbruster.

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:50 PM**