

**Faculty Senate Meeting
February 11, 2016**

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Jef Awada, Larry Baden, Glen Bauer, Cheryl Breig-Allen, Don Conway-Long, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Ted Green, Ryan Groeneman, Tori Meyer, Terri Reilly, Hemla Singaravelu, Marty Smith, Emily Thompson

I. Appointments

A. Global Citizenship Program Committee Replacement:

Larry Baden to replace Tim Ryan for the SOC seat

A motion was made and seconded for Larry Baden to replace Tim Ryan for Spring 2016; passed by unanimous consent.

B. Public Safety Committee Faculty Representatives:

Julie Setele and Troy Luh

A motion was made and seconded for Julie Setele and Troy Luh to be appointed to the Public Safety Committee; passed by unanimous consent.

II. Reports for Senate President:

A. Delegate's Agenda Review Committee

The SGA will take a break from presenting the Delegate's Agenda this semester to reevaluate what direction they want to move. Gwyneth has been asked to serve on this committee.

B. Administrative Council

- a. Presidential Scholarship Interviews take place this Saturday (32 students).
- b. President Stroble discussed reports on lobbying in Washington for education.
- c. Perkins Grants are in jeopardy of disappearing in two years due to the Higher Education Act.
- d. The Strategic Plan metrics were discussed.

III. Faculty Priorities Initiative Update: First Sorting of Data (Handout)

By December, Gwyneth and other Senators met with most of the departments. The document was then coded into departments and themes were determined from that data.

A motion was made and seconded that the specifics of the Faculty Priorities Initiative Document are to remain confidential. Themes can be discussed in general, but nothing relating to specific departments. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IV. Spring Institute (John Aleshunas)

John will contact the Spring Institute Committee via Doodle Poll to set up a meeting. The committee consists of Hemla Singaravelu, Ryan Groeneman, Don Conway-Long, Ted Green, Emily Thompson, Ece Tuncel, and Cheryl Breig-Allen.

V. Next Steps on Budget Questions

Gary Renz, Allan MacNeill, Gwyneth Williams, Beth Stroble, and Julian Schuster will meet with Interim CFO, Doug Anderson to discuss information about University finances, the new/leased buildings, etc.

A question was asked whether the University had internal/external audits. Webster undergoes an independent audit by the company BKD every year regarding their finances. The Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee receive the audit report. There is also an Executive Session of the Board every year to discuss the audit.

Further discussion raised the following issues:

- 1) If there are separate funds for operating costs, what category do faculty/staff salaries fall in?
- 2) Do the yearly audits measure financial parameters that directly impact the University's bond rating?
- 3) Is the timeline known for next year for the administration to determine financial issues?
- 4) Is it possible that the deans are not being the conduits to the faculty that they are supposed to be in providing information?

It was determined that the deans should be invited to a future Senate meeting to discuss focused topics about marketing decisions, budgetary decision, program creation and destruction, etc.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.