

Faculty Senate meeting

May 5, 2016

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

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

I. Approval of Minutes

Senate:

Feb. 4, 2016 – Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.

Mar. 31, 2016 - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.

Fac Ass:

Nov. 10, 2015 - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.

Jan. 19, 2016 - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.

Apr. 26, 2016- Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.

II. Handbook changes

- a. IRB – Motion to approve and second for inclusion in handbook. Passed unanimously.
- b. Curriculum committee – adding one sentence to the proposed language regarding an associate committee chair. Motion to approve and second for inclusion in handbook. Passed unanimously.
- c. Faculty definitions – affirmative action statement kept in the proposed language. Betsy Schmutz confirmed that this was fine. Motion to approve and second for inclusion in handbook. Passed unanimously.

III. Faculty Priorities Initiative Report and Cover Letter

Each senator and every academic department chair will receive a copy of the final report. Five copies will be placed on reserve at the library for faculty check out. Individual faculty members can request a personal printed copy from the Senate office. Copies will also be sent to the President and the Provost to inform them of the range of faculty concerns and challenges.

A suggestion was made to change the report language so that it defines the term "new buildings" as: including the construction and acquisition of new buildings across the global Webster network.

Motion to approve and second with modifications. Passed unanimously.

IV. Committee Appointments

- a. Accessibility Committee – Tori Meyer - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.
- b. CRF – Silvia Navia - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.

- c. Intl Studies – Roy Tamashiro - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.
- d. Multi-Cultural – regular 3 year term - Celine Hong - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.
- e. Speakers Committee – Van McElwee - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.
- f. Curr Cmte – WSBT Seat (Elected vacant seats – Senate appoints for a one-year term only) – Brad Scott - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.
- g. SoC seat (Elected vacant seats – Senate appoints for a one-year term only) – Kristin DiFate - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.
- h. Graduate Council – Paul Davis - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.
- i. Multi-Cultural Studies – Pinar Alakoc - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.
- j. Publication Board – Michael Erickson and Linda Woolf - Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.

Senate appointment – Glen Bauer is stepping down. Recommending Robin Assner-Alvey 1-yr term. Thanked Glen for his years of service. Motion to approve and second. Passed unanimously.

V. Announcements

- a. Gwyneth will go to Vienna next week. The principal purpose of this trip is to talk with people involved in faculty governance and see how things are going. She will not be making an official report, but she will talk to Gary Renz and share her impressions with him.
- b. John will be preparing the Spring Senate Newsletter. The Senate discussed proposed topics.
- c. Committee Reports will be posted on the Senate webpage and it is recommended that individuals remaining on the Senate take a look at them to see what the committees are doing.
- d. Students raised money during Centennial for a bronze Gorlok. The statue will be completed and placed on campus in August 2016.

Glenn Bauer expressed the Senate's thanks to Gwyneth Williams for her years of service and leadership. Gwyneth thanked the Senate for their generous farewell gift.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.