

**Faculty Senate Meeting
December 3, 2015**

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Jef Awada, Larry Baden, Glen Bauer, Cheryl Breig-Allen, Don Conway-Long, Ryan Groeneman, Tori Meyer, JP Palmer, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Terri Reilly, Joseph Sencibaugh, Hemla Singaravelu, Keith Welsh, Phyllis Wilkinson

I. Minutes For Approval

- a. Faculty Senate – September 17th
- b. Faculty Senate – September 24th
- c. Faculty Senate – October 1st

A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 17, September 24, and October 1 Faculty Senate minutes, as amended. All were in favor; motion passed unanimously.

II. Adjunct Appointment to Faculty Assembly

A motion was made and seconded to appoint adjunct faculty member, David Hilditch, College of Arts and Sciences, to the Faculty Assembly. All were in favor; motion passed unanimously.

III. Freshman Retention Report – Ted Hoef, Dean of Students

Ted Hoef gave a freshman retention report that included more data this year than in years' past. He will email the report to Gwyneth to share with the Faculty Assembly.

IV. Spring Senate Election Schedule – John Aleshunas

John presented the Spring Faculty Senate election schedule that will begin with the Faculty Senate President Election in early January. In the past, the Senate President election took place during the fall semester, but the Handbook states that it should take place during the spring semester with the other elections. It is possible that the Handbook language may be amended in the future to reflect the previous practice of conducting the Senate President election in late fall.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2016 Faculty Senate Election Schedule as presented. All were in favor; motion passed unanimously.

V. IT: Suggestions for Structure for Communications with Faculty

Ken Freeman emailed Gwyneth wanting to know the best way to communicate and prioritize faculty IT issues. Gwyneth asked the Senate for suggestions and received the following:

- 1) Assign a faculty member as a representative for each school/college
- 2) Schedule a lunch/meeting every eight weeks with each school/college

- 3) One senator from each school/college could email their constituents asking for two faculty representatives. It would then be up to the senators to communicate with their school/college on IT issues.

VI. Update from Senate task force on GCPC

There was a lengthy discussion regarding issues encountered with the Global Citizenship Program Committee. The Senate will invite the GCPC to an upcoming Senate meeting to communicate concerns and see how best to work out these concerns.

A motion was made and seconded that the Senate wishes that the GCPC eliminate the experiential requirement, add more 8-week courses year round, and reduce the assessment load. All were in favor; motion passed unanimously.

VII. Discussion of Senate Functions

A discussion took place on the functions of the Senate: how to bring items to the Senate, how to clearly communicate to constituents represented by Senators, and more clearly define the roles of Senators.

A motion was made and seconded to continue the discussion of clarifying Senate roles and sharing that information. 10 were in favor and 2 were against. Motion carried.

VIII. Report on Admin Council/Provost Council meetings

Gwyneth gave a brief report on both meetings, which included:

- 1) Discussion about new programs, marketing/resources.
- 2) ARC is now up to speed with all of their new hires.
- 3) Diversity issues
- 4) Preview Day – upcoming Saturdays and the need for faculty involvement.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.