

**Faculty Senate Meeting
December 10, 2015**

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

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

I. Minutes for Approval -

- a. Faculty Senate – October 8th
- b. Faculty Senate – October 29th
- c. Faculty Senate – November 3rd

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 8th, October 29th, and November 3rd Faculty Senate minutes, as amended. Passed by unanimous consent.

II. Adjunct Appointment to Faculty Assembly -

A motion was made and seconded to appoint adjunct faculty member, Benjamin Brink, to the Faculty Assembly. Passed by unanimous consent.

III. Replacement Appointments -

- a. Senate – Emily Thompson, College of Arts & Sciences seat, to replace Keith Welsh for Spring 2016
- b. Senate – Ece Tuncel, Walker School seat, to replace J.P. Palmer for Spring 2016

A motion was made and seconded to approve these faculty members for the College of Arts & Sciences and Walker School seats. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. GCPC – School of Communications seat, to replace Tim Ryan for Spring 2016 (still needed)
- d. Curriculum Committee – Proposal by Aaron AuBuchon – Beginning in January, Simone Cummings will move into the Walker School Seat vacated by Lee Bewley. Seth Jackson will move into the At-Large seat. To maintain continuity, the committee requested these moves as Seth has been on the committee filling in for Joanna Battles.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the above moves within the Curriculum Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Budget Briefing – Allan MacNeill and Gary Renz

A motion was made and seconded to move into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Erica Ellard ARC and staff: January 28th Senate Meeting -

The new director of the Academic Resource Center, Erica Ellard and some of her staff will be attending the January 28th Senate meeting.

VI. Faculty of Color Initiatives -

There was a recommendation brought up at the Fall Faculty Institute that the University should form a Color of Initiatives Committee. The Senate President reported discussing this proposal with a number of faculty of color, and most did not support this initiative. The Senate discussed this recommendation and concluded to not form a committee at this time.

VII. Role of Senators -

The roles of the Senate and Senators were discussed. The Senate President and various senators reported research of faculty senates at other institutions.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.