

Faculty Senate Minutes
April 11, 2017

Attendance: Robin Payne (Soc. Sci.), G. H. Budd Sapp (BOG), Donna Long (L&L), Aimée Richards (Fine Arts), Dan Eichenbaum (SoFA), Matt Hokom (L&L), Siegfried Bleher (CSMP), Dominique Cuccaro (SGA), Abby Ott (SGA), Bob Mild (Academic Affairs), Amanda Metcalf (SoE/HHP), Julie Reneau (SoE/HHP), Deb Hoag (Nursing), Fran Young (Nursing), Veronica Gallo (Nursing), Tony Gilberti (Tech), Deb Hemler (BCG), Anthony Yost (Tech), Harry Baxter (ACF), Chris Kast (Beh. Sci.), Gina Fantasia (Academic Affairs), Joe Kremer (President)

Guests: Maria Rose, Chris Lavorata, Jack Kirby, Al Skudzinskis, Robynn Shannon, Sharon Boni, Angela Schwer, Phil Berryhill, Tom Cuchta, Ingrid Bircann-Barkey, Jack Clayton, Galen Hansen

- I. Senate President Joe Kremer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- II. Reading of the minutes
 - A. The Senate approved the minutes of the March 2017 meeting, pending minor corrections suggested by Donna Long.
- III. Announcements/Information/discussion
 - A. President Rose
 1. Governor Jim Justice had extended the legislative session by 24 hours pending the legislature's approval of a budget. Their budget was put forward and Justice has five days to respond. The final budget bill generated \$4.1 billion in revenue, included no pay raises and no tax increases, cut Medicaid by \$48 million, and cut higher education just shy of \$30 million (with the regional institutions typically receiving a 4% cut). One issue that will emerge, if Justice approves the budget bill currently before him, is that it will not take effect until July 9, which is nine days after the beginning of the next fiscal year.
 - a) In other legislative news:
 - (1) HEPC 2815 was passed by the state legislature, exempting WVU, Marshall, and the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine from HEPC control and approval for just about everything. Shepherd University was once included on this list, but the other regional institutions fought their inclusion because it would give them an unfair advantage over the other regionals
 - (2) The House did not take up the early retirement incentive, so bill died.
 - b) If there are no final budget numbers soon, the BOG Finance Committee will have to cancel its May meeting.
 2. The FSU Men's Basketball team participated in the national championship game. President Rose expressed her pride in the conduct of our athletes, coaches, and fans during the process.
 3. The concrete canoe team secured its 14th consecutive regional championship. They are currently tied with Clemson University and the University of Wisconsin for the most regional wins. They are headed to Colorado to compete in the national championship
 4. The Criminal Justice students performed well at their national convention, winning a number of national offices. They also set-up the crime scene investigation after being asked not to compete this year because of so many consecutive wins.

5. President Rose thanks faculty who have participated in the What Matters Most discussions. Tim Oxley has sent out a notification regarding the culmination of the series next Monday, which will include opportunities to interact with the authors.
6. President Rose concluded by noting that the university has much to celebrate as we enter into student award celebrations and commencement.

B. Robynn Shannon — Assessment

1. The IAC is determining where to go next with the assessment report process for academic programs and the review of reports. The peer review system has worked well in the past three years; however, they are working to decide if they should continue at the same level or whether they can now go into “maintenance mode.” They also have been discussing course level assessments and mapping course outcomes to program outcomes. The HLC wants us to address this in an interim monitoring report due in December 2018.
2. General Studies assessment is well underway for the spring. Jim Matthews is overseeing this and has a good plan for assessment on a three year cycle.
3. Shannon represented FSU at the WV Higher Education Assessment Council meeting. They discussed five year program reviews, how to assess capstone work, whether General Studies courses could be assessed in capstone courses, and how HEPC can best support public institutions.
4. The assessment of non-academic programs, such as the Folklife Center, the Falcon Center, and Athletics, is moving along.

C. Budd Sapp — BOG

1. The BOG met yesterday and approved two motions establishing a ten member search committee and giving Chairperson Dixie Yann the authority to hire a search firm to assist with the process. The new search committee will consist of two faculty members, one student, one classified staff, one non-classified staff, one BOG member, one FSU Foundation member, two members from the community, and one member from the Alumni Board.
 - a) The Ad Hoc Committee selected Charles Shields as their representative. Faculty Senate President Joe Kremer was subsequently selected later in the meeting as the Faculty Senate’s representative on the presidential search committee.
 - b) The BOG hopes to finalize the committee before their next meeting so that a new job posting can be devised. A tentative timeline involves the selection of an interim president to serve for six months beginning on July 1 with a new president in place by January 1, 2018. Campus interviews will be delayed until the fall semester when the campus community is better able to participate.

D. Harry Baxter — ACF

1. Baxter shared an article published on the WV Metro News website earlier today entitled “Left With Few Options, Justice May Allow Budget to Become Law.” Per Baxter’s assessment, Justice is facing gridlock in light of efforts to generate new taxes and revenue. If the budget as it currently stands is approved by Justice, there is potential for problems related to the following:
 - a) the nine day delay in the new budget going into effect, as outlined by President Rose earlier in the meeting;
 - b) an unanticipated \$31 million budget shortfall resulting from the vetoed greyhound racing bill;

- c) a 4% budget cut for FSU;
 - d) another \$90 million drawn from the Rainy Day Fund.
- E. Abby Ott and Dominique Cuccaro — SGA
- a) Abby Ott and Dominique Cuccaro have been elected as the new SGA representatives. SGA is currently focusing on the new transition to the new officers and will make no major decisions until the transition is complete.
- F. Joseph Kremer — ACF and BOG Elections
- 1. The ACF and BOG representatives are up for re-election. Senate President Kremer will circulate instructions for nominating candidates. The faculty will vote later in the month or in early May.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of Library Concerns/Resolutions

- 1. Matt Hokom reported that in discussion with the chair of the Library Committee, Robert Baker, the Department of Language and Literature has decided to withdraw their resolutions for the time being.
- 2. President Rose reported that there is a plan to move forward with the placement of a commemorative plaque honor Thelma Hutchins for her service. An interim director of the library is now in place.

B. Support of International Students

- a) Donna Long will provide a draft resolution in May.

V. New Business

A. Minor Business

- 1. Affirmation of Nominating Committee appointments
 - a) The Senate approved the appointment of the following individuals to the Nominating Committee: Robin Payne (chair), Gina Fantasia, Tony Gilberti, William Harrison, and Amanda Metcalf. The committee will determine a slate of candidates to serve on the Faculty Senate Executive committee during the 2017/2018 academic year.
- 2. Selection of Presidential Search Committee Member
 - a) Per the BOG's request, one of the faculty members would be selected from the Ad Hoc Committee and the other would be chosen by the Faculty Senate. The Ad Hoc Committee had elected Charles Shield as their representative. Following a brief discussion, Senate President Joseph Kremer was nominated and elected to serve as the representative for the Faculty Senate.
- 3. Parking Issues
 - a) Amanda Metcalf, on behalf of the School of Education, Health and Human Performance, brought forward concerns regarding parking violations on campus with particular attention to students who habitually park in areas designated for faculty and staff. Faculty want to know what, if any, repercussions result from this.
 - (1) Campus Police Chief Jack Clayton explained that Campus Police does monitor parking and students are issued citations for parking violations. If one

student has more than five violations in a semester, they are issued a warning that subsequent violations will result in towing. They also refer the issue to the Student Conduct Committee. Repeat offenders with unpaid citations are also sometimes sent to the Municipal Court in Fairmont, where further fines are levied. According to state code, however, Campus Police can only charge \$10 per violation, which many students seem willing to pay as a matter of convenience. Other deterrents to illegal parking that were discussed included the use of boots (rather than towing) and registration holds. There has also been discussion regarding the formation of a parking committee to contend with these issues, which will likely occur when some of the on-going construction programs are completed. Various constituent groups on campus will have the opportunity to provide feedback and participate in the formation of a parking committee in the future.

B. Major Business

1. Curriculum Proposals

- a) Jack Kirby requested that the Senate consider waiving the waiting period between first and second reading for the curriculum proposals being brought before the Senate in order to meet the deadline for changes to the academic catalog.
- b) Curriculum Proposal #16-17-16 REV 1 — Spanish Curriculum
 - (1) Ingrid Bircann-Barkey and Angela Schwer were in attendance to address questions.
 - (2) The proposal passed for first reading. The waiting period was waived. The proposal passed for second reading.
- c) Curriculum Proposal #16-17-17 — BSN Admission Requirements
 - (1) Sharon Boni and Veronica Gallo were in attendance to address questions.
 - (2) Following a brief discussion, Gallo and Boni agreed to revise language regarding requirements for admission for purposes of clarity.
 - (3) The proposal passed for first reading. The waiting period was waived. The proposal passed for second reading.
- d) Curriculum Proposal #16-17-18 — Required General Studies Courses
 - (1) Jack Kirby and the representatives for Academic Affairs were present to address questions. The proposal was written by Kirby on behalf of Deans and Chairs in order to reduce the frequency with which memos were required to authorize substitutions for General Studies requirements. Once in place, unless specified as a requirement, any courses listed by programs to fulfill General Studies requirements will be interpreted as recommendations.
 - (2) The proposal passed for first reading. The waiting period was waived. The proposal passed for second reading.

2. Committee on Committees Report (First Reading)

- a) Veronica Gallo presented the initial report for the Committee on Committees. She had reached out to the Deans of units up for re-election for electable committees and was still waiting to hear back from some units. The Committee had also conducted the on-line survey, which was open for close to a week, but a number of gaps remained.
- b) One issue that the Committee on Committees have identified is that there is only one position up for renewal on the Faculty Personnel Committee as well as the

fact that one school has two representatives on that committee. They suggest revisiting the bylaws in order to ensure more equal representation in the future.

VI. Open Forum

- A. Galen Hansen presented information regarding open meeting laws in the state of West Virginia and their applicability to the BOG's presidential search process. He outlined the BOG's process in the initial phases of the search, arguing that the open meeting laws were violated. He urged faculty to recognize their rights in ensuring the law is followed. He has taken action on this issue as a private citizen. Discussion followed.

VII. Senate President Kremer adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.