

Minutes 9/12/17

Attendance

Faculty Senate Members

Donna Long Language and Literature, Amy Godfrey Business, Mike Ransom Behavioral Science, Matt Hokom Language and Literature, Dan Eichenbaum SOFA, Tom Cuchta, Aimee Richards SOFA, Robin Payne Soc. Sci., Steven Roof Dean's Group, Mark D. Wolf, Jason Noland Education, Jim Davis Business, Amanda Metcalf SOEHHP, Bud Sapp BOG, Abby Ott SGA, Dominique Cuccaro SGA, Harry Baxter ACF, Jacki Sherman Library, Gina Fantasia Associate Dean and Business, Deb Hemler Natural Sciences, Sean Harwell (for Mark Flood) Natural Sciences, Tom McLaughlin Sci-Tech, Joe Kremer President, Julie Furrow Nursing, Theresa Jones Nursing, Bill Harrison Social Science.

Guests

President Jones, Robyn Shannon OAP, John Lympany VPIT, Tim Oxley VPSS, Chris Lavorata VPAA, Jack Kirby Associate Provost Academic Affairs, Al Skudzinskas VP CFO

Gaveled to order by President Kremer at 3:00PM

I. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved by unanimous vote (with a few minor changes)

II. Announcements/Information/Discussion

President Jones expressed his happiness to meet with the Faculty Senate.

Interim President Jones noted 4.75% downturn in enrollment since last fall. He believes on-line and international enrollment are key, and has invited two firms he previously worked with to campus to help with these efforts. There is no cost for these consultations, but any contract with the companies would cost money; President Jones said, "It's better to have half of something than 100% of nothing." Synergist will invest \$4.5 million into four online graduate programs; will have staff on-site; and would share in revenue. EduAlliance recruits international students. President Jones would like to see an increase from 86 current international students to 300 by fall 2020.

- President Jones will have input on choosing the next president.
- President Jones is encouraging the BOG to use a consulting firm in the upcoming provost search (which will not conclude until a new president is hired and has input).

Dr. Shannon

- She is finalizing the list of programs and is turning attention to stand-alone minors and majors that have undergone changes.
- Finalizing list of peer reviewers who will work with faculty about assessment results using the same rubric as last year.
- Specialized accreditation templates in Taskstream rather than using identical ones for all which may affect the rubric as that matches the standard template currently in use.

Bud Sapp "BOG"

- There will be a meeting on October 12 on the main campus and a meeting October 19 at the Caperton Center to discuss the presidential candidates.
- Jay Puccio will replace John Myers and as of now it looks like Dixie Yann will stay. Brian Townes' term is up and replacement or reappointment has not yet been decided upon.

Dr. Harry Baxter "ACF"

- Next meeting is October 12.
- October 7 is an election to allow Bonds to be sold to fix roads and highways; he urged a yes vote.

Student Government

- Discussed Homecoming
- Discussed Presidential search

III. Unfinished Business

- Academic Integrity Statement
- Academic Affairs' discussions revolved around the process.
- Comments involved why 4 consecutive words is the benchmark for plagiarism.
- There should be a way of tracking students who have such issues.
- The Academic Integrity Statement from Faculty Welfare was accepted by motion in the Senate; however, Deans and Chairs still have not discussed it thoroughly. Steve Roof, representing Deans and Chairs, had questions about some of the language, including how "egregious breaches" is being defined and what the process for expelling a student would be.
- Ad hoc committees for by-law revision are still being formed. Let Joe Kremer know if you are willing to serve.

IV. Minor Business

- At Cindy Curry's request, Senate discussed and approved a nine-member committee composed of six faculty (one representative from each School/College), an administrator, a staff member, and a student. It was not possible within the nine-member confines to accommodate a Library member, but the suggestion was made that John Lympany could represent both admin and library. How School/College representatives would be chosen was not discussed.

- ACF has published its goals for the year, including support for the HEPC. Discussion of the HEPC's role in higher education in the state ensued. The decision to approve (or not) ACF goals was tabled, pending further information. Motion to approve ACF goals was tabled
- Steve Roof redesigned the Satisfactory Academic Progress form so that it is in Excel and will calculate GPA and Quality points automatically. Any advisors who need help with the form may contact Steve.
- A committee to address parking issues is being formed. If you are interested in serving, contact Joe Kremer.

V. Open Forum

- Friday September 15 from 4-6 in MMA Haiku Death Match
- New President will have voice on Provost Replacement
- Galen Hansen updated the Senate on the on-going lawsuit against the BOG. He would like input as to what to ask for if the suit is decided in his and Al Magro's favor.

President Kremer gave the meeting to a close at 4:30.