

Minutes of Faculty Senate
April 15, 2016

Present: Stuntz, Fiaud, Ambrose, Alex, Commissiong, Crandall, DeButte, Dursun-Kilic, Hartin, King, Klaehn, Lee, Meredith, Nam, Osei-Hwere, Ottoson, Shao.

Absent: Baker, Blodgett, Branson, Craig, DeOtte, Hindman, Lust, Wilson.

Guest: Dr. O'Brien, McGovern (for Craig), Chen (for DeOtte), Bingham (for Hindman), Blanton (for Wilson).

Meeting called to order at 12:16pm in Room 14 (Eternal Flame) of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

1. Dr. O'Brien

- a. Search committee discussion. Meeting on campus May 18 (?) where the committee to start reviewing the pool of applicants. May 31, 2nd meeting where they will decide on which candidates they want to interview. Probably around 10 candidates. June 22-23, interviews in the Dallas area. The interviews on campus for the selected candidates. Board meeting will meet in August where hopefully some final candidates will be reviewed/interviewed. Then announcement of the final candidate selection. There will be a "cooling period" of about 1 month before taking office.
- b. Several hearings will take place in the fall semester.
- c. Why was the president of the faculty senate not selected?
 - i. Dr. Hallmark would be more knowledgeable about this.
 - ii. Dr. O'Brien expressed that he had no input in the selection of the committee.
- d. In progress:
 - i. Planning process for renovation of engineering building in the fall. Offices, classrooms, and labs.
 - ii. Work with design team for Ag-Science complex. Well underway. Traditional classrooms and offices, meat lab, arena, pavilion (wet lab, restrooms,...), parking spaces north of the building.
 - iii. Redesign of 26th street.
 - iv. Planning for utility tunnel. From SW VHAC to hospital road.
 - v. Amarillo center. Building is gutted. Asbestos abatement done. Took a little longer than expected. Not sure will meet the deadline of 1st day Fall 2017.
 - vi. On campus stadium. Multipurpose use (commencement, concerts, buff branding, ...).
- e. What kind of advice would you give to the incoming president?
 - i. Take the time to listen and understand what the vision currently is.
- f. How has your time here impacted you?
 - i. Fell in love with the place. Initially intended to retire after 5-6 years. List of projects to accomplish is never complete.
- g. Pub is still in. Aramark will get a liquor license in 90 days.
 - i. Would decrease the number of students on the road to get alcohol.
 - ii. Keeps more students on campus.
 - iii. After 8pm, not a good place to get hot food on campus.
- h. What was the most difficult decision that you made while in tenure?

- i. Personnel decisions. Letting someone go, especially if that person was high profile.
 - i. Thanked the faculty. Hoped to have opened the communication channels with the faculty senate and the faculty in general.
 - 2. Minutes from April 1st meeting
 - a. Approved unanimously
 - 3. Old business
 - a. Proposal about regalia at Graduation
 - I. No communication. If no more info, it will disappear from the old business list after next meeting.
 - b. Informing Faculty about Constitutional changes
 - I. 21st at noon OM 203
 - II. 27th at 3pm OM 203
 - III. Lecture capture will be available as well.
 - IV. Possible ballot items: has 6 items.
 - i. Items:
 - 1. Membership—ECSM representation: "...or stand-alone school..."
 - 2. Membership—Instructor representation: "One ex-officio permanent or temporary part-time or full-time instructor invited to represent instructional faculty."
 - 3. Term of service: "...or more than 6 years within a 9 year period..."
 - 4. Qualification of members: "...with a preference for full-time tenured faculty, excluding direct supervisors."
 - 5. Senate Leadership: "Section 5. Senate Leadership. Faculty senate president shall have tenure. Senate officers shall have tenure with a preference for faculty members employed by the university for at least six (6) years at the time of election."
 - 6. Amendments: "...at a meeting of the full faculty and professional librarians..."
 - ii. Motion to approve change to the ballot
 - 1. Discussion: possible more "no" if they disagree with one
 - iii. Vote to change to 6 items: Unanimous - Passed
 - c. Magister Optimus Vote
 - I. Vote completed
4. New Business
 - a. Committee Assignments for 2016-17
 - a. Talked to people in department. Bring the nominee to senate.
 - b. Question about spouses serving on committees. Maybe System has some rules. Usually people would recuse themselves.

- c. If the senators know that one of the faculty is leaving, to prepare a replacement.
- d. Meet on Dead day at 2pm.

b. Other? None

5. Announcements

- a. Social Justice Conference today.
- b. Requiem tomorrow night and Sunday.
- c. Jane Eyre theater program next week
- d. Emerging leader academy will be presenting findings and recommendations at all faculty meeting in the Spring meeting.

The meeting of Faculty Senate was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa A. Fiaud, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa A. Fiaud". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "V".