

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
February 26, 2013

Present: Bentivenga, Bryan, Chappy, Cowling, Hoglund, Kaltcheva, Kercher, Kostman, Loewenstein, Liske, McCann, Neal, Petronicolos, Roth, Robson, Saginak, Siemers, Sipes, Westphal, Wacholtz

Excused: Brown, Redington, Garrison

Absent: Beyer, Cotti

Administrative Representative: Provost Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Cindy Fruhwirth

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Scot McCullough

Guests: Lori Carrell, Joe Abhold, Sharon Kipetz, Liz Whalley

Minutes in Brief:

At the February 26, 2013 meeting of the Faculty Senate, OSA Representative Scot McCullough and Senate of Academic Staff Representative Fruhwirth gave their reports. President Simmons presented the report for the Provost Administrative Staff meeting along with the U-Plan report. The minutes of February 12, 2013 meeting were approved as amended. Joe Abhold and Sharon Kipetz provided an update on student safety issues followed by Senator Wacholtz's report on reapportionment. Lori Carrell gave an update on courses approved for USP as well as issues related to advising/registration for USP classes. Changes in the wording of FAC 1.A.3 (the Core of Academe) & FAC 7.A. 2 (Non-teaching assignments) were approved. The issue regarding deleting "examples of community service" was referred back to the Personnel Policies Committee for clarification. The Criminal Background Check Policy statement to be included into the handbook was approved with revisions. The issue of distributing student opinion surveys electronically was discussed. The procedure for distributing the initial student opinion survey forms distribution to instructors from a request-basis to an automatic-basis (after the six-week drop period) was approved.

President Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

I. State of the University

A. Reports

1. OSA – (McCullough) – (1) a resolution related to handicap accessibility has caused action for maintenance to a few locations across campus, (2) Language is progressing on a fee increase for a 'Green Fund' to go through Segregated Fees, (3) a resolution was also approved in relation to the drinking age law and it's details to accompanying minors.
2. SAS (Fruhwirth) – (1) The Salary Equity process for both Professional and Instructional Academic Staff continues to move forward with an anticipated vote at their upcoming meeting, (2) the CSAC bylaws were approved
3. PAS (Simmons) – (1) Distribution of grades was discussed, (2) The focus of the next reaccreditation will be the University Studies Program, (3) The search for the Inclusive Excellence Assistant Vice Chancellor continues, (4) Progress towards the Engineering Technician Program is being made.
4. U-Plan (Simmons) – Topics included: (1) Strategic plan update, (2) Governor's Workforce Development Initiative, (3) Student Success Data, (4) The Governor's potential mandatory acceptance of 30 credits from technical colleges.

II. Minutes of February 12, 2013

MOTION: Moved approval as amended by McCann/Kostman. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

III. Old Business

A. Safety Update – Joe Abhold & Sharon Kipetz

The shared teamwork of offered assistance is provided by both the Dean of Students office and the Counseling Center. It has been shown to help, that early interventions are making a difference. The Student At Risk Response Team (SARRT) meets weekly to go over current issues. It was reiterated that contacting them about even small things is completely understandable and acceptable. Senate was also reassured that even if it's staff that have concerns or feel threatened that they are free to contact them as well. You can remain anonymous and no major action is made without considerable investigation.

B. Reapportionment – Senator Wacholtz gave a brief explanation of the findings provided in the memo from the reapportionment done this year.

C. USP Course Lists – Lori Carrell - After distributing a written report of the update for USP, Lori then answered questions from senators. Discussion items included: course pairings, peer mentors, review cycle for courses, planning ahead for HLC, USP registration form, first year courses, and scheduling majors with corresponding departments when possible.

IV. New Business

A. Handbook – FAC 1.A.3 – Core of Academe & FAC 7.A.2 Non-teaching Assignments
Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Move to approve by Saginak/Loewenstein. Passed by unanimous hand vote.

FS1213-21 The Faculty Senate approved FAC 1.A.3 – Core of Academe & FAC 7.A.2 Non-teaching Assignments.

The Personnel Policies Committee will be asked to clarify an issue related to deleting “examples of community service”.

B. Criminal Background Check Policy Statement – Senator Wacholtz

MOTION: Moved to approve as amended the proposed resolution of GOV 6.7 by Bentivenga/Kostman. 15 Yes, 3 No. Passed.

FS1213-22 The Faculty Senate approved Faculty Senate's resolution of GOV 6.7.

V. Discussion Items

A. SOS Distribution

Discussion included: (1) Electronic seems more secure, (2) concerns of some departments that don't use them, (3) The distributor of these had indicated that having them distributed automatically would be easier, (4) The work of getting the list of accurate courses to that office would be important.

MOTION: To have the Student Opinion Surveys Program send out student opinion surveys automatically to all faculty every semester for each class after the drop date, moved by Bentivenga/Robson. 15 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention. Passed.

FS1213-23 The Faculty Senate approved the following motion: To have the Student Opinion Surveys Program send out student opinion surveys automatically to all faculty every semester for each class after the drop date.

C. Distribution of grades

Concerns were discussed over the Northwestern not accurately reporting on this topic. The understanding that many issues are frustrating was made, and at what point does standing up for what we believe academically as well as morally become evident. They continue to inaccurately report on topics and issues and it was suggested that it is unhelpful to attempt to correct them as it tends to make it worse.

VI. Committee Reports – None

VII. Items from Members –

- A. Senator McCann asked if the salary equity process for this year is still going to happen. Provost Earns assured him that there will still be a process this year and administration will be sending something out before the end of the semester.

VIII. Information Items –

A. Classified Staff Advisory Council Bylaws

B. USPC – University Studies Program Committee courses approved

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MOTION: Moved to adjourn by Wacholtz/Sipes at 5:10 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President

April Dutschek
Recorder