

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
October 11, 2016

Present: Angwall, Baltutis, Bentivenga, Cole, Cotti, Dilkes, Eroh, Fuller, Jones, Kedrowski, Kostman, Lancaster, Launius, Loewenstein, Neal, Pereksta, Roth, Rutz, Saginak, Scofield, Scribner, Sipes, Stuart, Westphal

Excused: Hones

Absent:

Administrative Representative: Provost Earns

Senate of Academic Staff Representative: Melanie Marine

University Staff Council Representative: Dana Hartel

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Kaitlyn Cartwright

Guests: Chancellor Leavitt, Anne Milkovich, Jakob Iversen

Minutes in Brief:

At the October 11, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate, the Senate of Academic Staff, University Staff Senate and Oshkosh Student Association representatives reported. Chancellor Leavitt and CIO Anne Milkovich were guests for university updates. President Loewenstein reported on the Provost's Administrative Staff, Leadership Council, Faculty Representatives, and Board of Regents meetings. The minutes of September 27, 2016 meeting, the APC Form C item under unfinished business and a committee appointment under new business were approved. The Biennial Program Assessment Report was postponed again to the November 8, 2016 meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

President Loewenstein called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

- I. Guest: Chancellor Leavitt – The Chancellor shared updates on the following topics:
 - The Board of Regents approved our updated Mission Statement
 - The board of regents approved a resolution that tuition setting power belongs to the Board of Regents
 - Budget and state subsidy issues
 - Upcoming Retirement Incentive Program, and details, to help with the necessary 70 positions that still need to be cut.
 - Email System – Research is underway; *no decision has been made yet*. A large discussion was held related to concerns, timing, necessity, pros and cons.
 - Honors College will be an excellent way to target retention and offer more to high achieving students.
 - Strategic Plan Implementation initiatives are underway
 - D2L contract has expired. System will be acquiring a successor. We will be forced to migrate to a new platform no matter who the new vendor will be.

- II. Guest: Anne Milkovich – IT Update:
 - A. Email System – Main points included:
 - Security, confidentiality issues, and storage space need to be addressed in ways that Google is unable to do for campus.

- We are the only institution that doesn't use Office365. this leads to issues for transfer students coming to UWO. It has also proven problematic for employees working with other campuses.
- Possibility of a new email server but still keeping Google for other usage needs
- Staffing efforts to switch is being considered, as it would be very lengthy
- Timing – With all that is going on and HLC coming in the spring, is this really the best time for us to be putting efforts into right now? Could the decision wait?
- Senator Roth noted some key concerns from the department of Department of Foreign Languages and Literature.

B. IT Stakeholder group – Anne reported that this group, which will include membership from each governance group, will be established to help advise IT and help set priorities for the university.

C. Phones – ATT is going to be decommissioning the current phone system; by 2020, phones will no longer work. There will be large increase in cost per line in January. A new phone system is being reviewed and our infrastructure has to be updated around campus. The cost will be approximately \$1 million for infrastructure improvements and \$1 million for the new equipment. The whole process will be centrally funded, phone numbers stay the same for the most part, and the upgraded phones will be video capable. Departments will be sent a spreadsheet to evaluate the phone lines necessary. A survey will be coming out to gather feedback.

III. State of the University –

A. Senate of Academic Staff – Melanie Marine - Rep. Marine reported that their main discussion was related to the email system switching away from google.

B. University Staff Senate – Dana Hartel – Rep. Hartel reported that they haven't met yet.

C. Oshkosh Student Association – Kaitlyn Cartwright – Rep. Cartwright introduced herself. She covered current topics at OSA, including Honors Cord policy, Google/Email system, formation of an ad-hoc committee to address off campus living issues, and upcoming approval of student representatives for system. Provost Earns requested that Representative Cartwright work on getting 2 student representatives to serve on the Institutional Program Management Committee.

IV. Minutes

A. Minutes of September 27, 2016

MOTION: Moved approval of the September 27, 2016 minutes as amended by Scofield/Roth. Passed Unanimously

V. Unfinished Business

A. Form C – COB: BS Applied Computer Science- Create new major program.

MOTION: Removed from the table

MOTION: Moved to approve as amended (to change title as needed throughout the document) by Rutz/Sipes. Passed Unanimously

FS 1617-09 The Faculty Senate approved the FORM C – COB: BS Applied Computer Science – Create new major program.

B. Expectations for the Biennial Program Assessment Report –

MOTION: Motion to approve from 9-27-2016 Mtg:

MOTION: Move to postpone definitely to the November 8th meeting by Neal/Sipes. Passed Unanimously

FS 1617-10 The Faculty Senate moved to postpone definitely the Biennial Program Assessment Report to the November 8th meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Committee Appointment: Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board – Courtney Kurtz

MOTION: Moved to approve the committee appointment by Saginak/Kostman. Passed Unanimously

FS 1617-11 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointment: Committee Appointment: Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board – Courtney Kurtz

VII. President's Reports – Most items have already been shared in previous reports.

A. The Post Tenure Review Policy has been signed by the Provost and Chancellor and sent to System. Regent Whitburn commended us for our timeliness, and our policy could be up for approval as soon as the November Board of Regents meeting.

B. An audit on grading went well for the most part, however, there was one specific issue that needs to be addressed. This was caused by certain professors who repeatedly turn in grades late. The question as to how this problem can be solved was raised.

VIII. Discussion Items – None

IX. Committee Reports – None

X. Items from Members –

A. Senator Sipes – The Improvement of Instruction has been asked to consider the possibility of a time-change between classes again this year. Some documents from the request will be shared at the next meeting.

XI. Information Items –

A. UW System Task Force on Sexual Violence & Harassment: Brief Update & Related Policies - *President Loewenstein asked for any feedback to be given at your earliest convenience.*

B. USP Items

a. ANTHRO 122 – Living and Learning in a Global Community

b. ART 209 – Art History Survey I

c. ART 210 – Art History Survey II

d. HISTORY 101 – Early Civilization

MOTION: Move to adjourn by Sipes/Pereksta at 5:05 pm.

Karl Loewenstein,
President

April Dutscheck,
Recorder