

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
October 13, 2015

Present: Alexandrov, Angwall, Baltutis, Bentivenga, Cole, Cortes, Hones, Loewenstein, Neal, Pereksta, Price, Redington, Robson, Roth, Rutz, Saginak, Scofield, Scribner, Simmons, Sipes, Stojilovic

Absent:

Excused: Eroh, Lancaster, Westphal

Administrative Representative: Provost Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Lisa Szromba

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Andrew Sprung

Guests: Chad Cotti, Kathleen Corley, Anne Milkovich, Bill Wacholtz, Scott Beyer, Leslie Neal-Boylan, Angela Metke, Lori Worm, Ryan Haley

Minutes in Brief:

At the October 13, 2015 meeting of the Faculty Senate, the Chancellor's Study Group for Budget gave a presentation. Reports were given from OSA and the Senate of Academic Staff. President Loewenstein presented the report from the last Provost's Administrative Staff, Leadership Council, Board of Regents, and the Faculty Representatives meetings. The minutes of September 29, 2015 meeting were approved as amended. All New Business items were approved. A committee report was given from the Tenure Task Force. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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

Senators Hones requested that particular topics and items on the agenda be given ample time as needed.

I. State of the University

- A. OSA Report (Sprung) – Senate welcomed new OSA Representative, Andrew Sprung. He introduced himself, noting that he is an engineering technology student, then went on to inform senate that OSA has had a lot of change over in senators and they are working on making their senate and house equal so as to remove any concerns about hierarchy. The budget, student costs, and textbook committee work are the biggest thing to note for current work.
- B. SAS Report (Szromba) – Szromba reported that their senate has had the same study group visits as faculty senate. They are also working on handbook changes, policies and procedures, how to be attentive to morale issues, and a possible academic staff social opportunity they are hoping to plan.

II. Guests -

- A. Chancellor's Study Group Recommendation Committee Report for Budget – Dr. Haley distributed a copy of the PowerPoint he would be going through. He informed the committee of the charge from the Chancellor. He then explained the level at which this committee was asked to review the budget, with the clarification that their committee is looking at the budget model from Chancellor to Dean only. The budget process for levels at the Dean level and below are not the purview of this committee. They were given a similar task to the other study groups with the creation of a whitepaper, and making a recommendation. However, once their recommendation is made at the end of January 2015, it should be 1-3 year process

to implement a new model. A new model would run as a shadow budget for at least a year. Dr. Haley noted the importance of a transparent and inclusive process. The committee must first understand how the process works currently in order to recommend a new process. There was discussion on the following topics: enrollment issues, doing more with less, time to graduate, our mission to the students, how to run our campus/business, importance of admission and retention, preserving the campus mission, and the reminder that it's all about the students!

III. Minutes of September 29, 2015

MOTION: Moved approval of the September 29, 2015 minutes as amended by Robson/Sipes . Passed.

IV. Unfinished Business – None

V. New Business-

MOTION: Move to suspend the rules and approve the new business at the first reading by Bentivenga/Robson. Passed Unanimously

A. Committee Appointments:

1. University Studies Program – Donald Hones
2. LGBTQ – Kathleen Corley
3. Reeve Advisory Council – Tony Palmeri

MOTION: Moved to approve all the Committee Appointments by Roth/Saginak. Passed

FS 1516-10 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointments: (1) University Studies Program – Donald Hones; (2) LGBTQ – Kathleen Corley; (3) Reeve Advisory Council – Tony Palmeri.

B. Faculty Senate Bylaws Change

MOTION: Moved to approve the Faculty Senate Bylaws Change by Bentivenga/Angwall.

Friendly amendment: Change the length of time to added agenda items from 24 hours to 36 hours. Unanimously Passed

FS 1516-11 The Faculty Senate approved the Faculty Senate Bylaws changes to Article VI, Section 3. Stating: A motion on an item of new business added to the agenda less than 36 hours before a meeting ~~introduced for the first time~~ shall not come to a vote unless the Senate votes by a two-thirds majority to suspend the rules and to act on that motion.

VI. President's Report

1. PAS– Highlights included the Robert Dickeson visit and moving forward. The Strategic Planning Process and its next steps.
2. Leadership Council – Highlights included: (1) - (2) Strategic Planning updates, (2) A 'League of Titans' brochure that was distributed from the Athletic department which is an donor's program, and (3) the Chancellor's looking into the amount of business done in the summer, during the non academic calendar part of the year.
3. Faculty Representatives – No report
4. Board of Regents –Highlights included: (1) Report on increased Faculty Turnover, and (2) The concern with the amount of failed search and screens across the system

5. President Loewenstein distributed a copy of a resolution on Tenure
**MOTION: Moved to suspend the rules and approve at its first reading by Roth/Scribner.
Discussion ensued, minor edits were made. Passed Unanimously as amended**

FS 1516-11.5 The Faculty Senate approved the Faculty Senate Bylaws changes to Article

VII Discussion Items –

A. Closed Class Policy – This policy went through Provost Staff and it was noted that there was some concerns that it hadn't been requested to have shared governance approvals.

VIII. Committee Reports –

A. Tenure Task Force – Senator Roth noted some frustrations with the short notice given when agendas are distributed for this task force and she will continue to share updates as they are available.

IX. Items from Members –

A. Senator Bentivenga brought to senate's attention a bill that is being brought forward from a couple legislators that would allow concealed and carry in campus buildings and his serious concerns with this. President Loewenstein noted a resolution will be brought forward for a vote on this matter.

X. Information Items -

A. USP Courses List

Google Drive Link:

<https://drive.google.com/a/uwosh.edu/folderview?id=0B4Mj2bzvwwuubVh6MmlZaHhyQTA&usp=sharing>

Moved to adjourn by Senator Bentivenga at 5:03 p.m.

Karl Loewenstein,
President

April Dutschek,
Recorder