

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
November 3, 2009

Present: Bryan, Dempsey, Gunawardena, Heider, Jones, Loewenstein, McCann, Meyerson, Mrotek, Neal, Pontynen, Robson, Simmons, Wacholtz, Wurzbach

Absent: Bahcall, Beyer, Carell, Dishaw, Garrison, Kaltcheva, Kostman, Lattery, Roth, Saginak,

Administrative Representative: Perry Rettig

Academic Staff Representative: Lynn Freeman

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Ann Duginske

Guests: Ryan Haley, Travis Swanson (OSA)

Minutes in Brief

At the November 3, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Senate, reports from OSA, the Provost Administrative Staff (PAS), U-Plan and Faculty Reps were presented. During the reports, Rep. Ann Duginske (OSA) raised the issue of policy and procedures surrounding the cancellation of classes and Senator Swanson (OSA) further clarified the issues surrounding the topic of gender neutral bathrooms. President Robson had Lynn Freeman discuss the Early Alert Pilot program and disseminate preliminary data during the PAS report. President Robson also introduced proposed policy resolutions on Non-Medical Leaves of Absence for Unclassified Staff and Sick Leave Reinstatement. A response rising out of the discussion to these draft resolutions will be forthcoming. All forwarded APC form C items were approved with two exceptions. Discontinuing the Music Therapy program was tabled by APC prior to Faculty senate consideration. The Environmental Health Major in the Department of Biology was sent back to the Biology Department for further consultation with the other programs mentioned in the curriculum, most specifically the College of Nursing and the College of Education and Human Services. Lynn Freeman presented the Student Suspension policy and its current practice as well as potential alterations in that practice. Discussion of those proposed changes ensued. Ryan Haley presented and discussed the concept and objectives associated with the recently awarded Core Textbook grant.

President Robson called to order at 3:17 p.m.

I. State of the University

A. Reports

1. SAS (Freeman)- No report
2. OSA (Litman) – Ann Duginske reported for David Litman. Resolution 09-013 requiring student organizations to subscribe to Orgsync before they can be officially recognized passed the assembly and, after an open forum, passed the senate with modifications. The two groups will meet for reconciliation.

OSA has concerns about faculty members “cancelling” classes without informing students until they arrive to class. The Senate discussed ways in which faculty may be able to notify students on short notice, and they emphasized the need to be reminded faulty of their responsibility to inform students when class cannot meet.

Travis Swanson (OSA) responded to questions on Resolution 09-009 regarding gender neutral/family restrooms. OSA has formally requested our support of the resolution, which will be discussed at the next Senate meeting.

3. PAS (Robson) – The Graduate College is setting up a taskforce to study graduate enrollments and develop a strategic plan. November 9th is the date set for the search and screen committee to begin work on the hiring of the AVC for Support of Inclusive Excellence. Lisa Danielson and Lynn Freeman reported on the preliminary results of the piloted Early Alert Program. Freeman provided the Senate with a brief overview of this report. A full report will be made to the Senate when the complete results are ready.
4. U-Plan (Robson) – Discussion revolved around collective bargaining and the support by the Chancellor of our setting up informational and educational sessions, as long as multiple viewpoints were represented. The Chancellor also cautioned people to remain professional and avoid undue influence on colleagues with respect to collective bargaining. At the BOR meeting the Regents denied Eau Claire’s request for differential tuition. A possible signal they may be taking a closer look at such requests.
5. Faculty Reps (Robson) – System is putting together a Competitive Compensation Taskforce to look into a different approach for making the case for increased compensation. The taskforce will be composed of representatives from the faculty, academic staff, Chancellors, Provosts, and most importantly, the outside community. The reps indicated the need for a strong external component if it is to be successful. Inclusive Excellence was discussed. There were questions about what System expects and how the various campuses are implementing it. It is on the agenda for our next Reps meeting. Drafts proposals pertaining to Non-medical leaves and sick leaves were distributed. President Robson will incorporate the Senate’s feedback on the Non-medical leave proposal and present it to the Senate at the next meeting for further feedback. The legislative update reported on plan to develop a database with information on students PK - 20 to help provide better educational direction. It is expected to help in determining student preparedness – what is important and what is not. A coordinating board would be set up to screen research proposals requesting use of the data. How to use the data is politically a very touchy issue. Finally, System is preparing a final draft of a Regent Policy on Making Textbooks More Affordable. A formal request has been made for review of the draft policy by the governance groups on the various campuses. They hope to present a revised draft to the Regent’s Education committee in April 2010. It will be put on our agenda for the next Senate meeting.

II. Minutes of October 20, 2009

MOTION: Moved approval by Mrotek/McCann. Approved.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

APC - Program Action Routing Sheets (Form C) [p 23]

1. African American Studies Minor – restructuring of the minor [pp 24-60]

2. Environmental Health Major in the Department of Biology – new major (Form C & Request) [pp 61-68]
3. International Studies Major – add FRENCH 406: Francophone World and Minority Cultures of France – add to Course List 2 [pp 69-70]
4. International Studies Major – add RELSTDS 361: Islamic Resurgence to Course List 2 [pp 71-72]
5. International Studies Major – add RELSTDS 371: Global Fundamentalisms in Contemporary Perspective to Course List 2 [pp 73-74]
6. International Studies Major – add RELSTDS 372: Religious Radicalism and Globalization to Course List 2 [pp 75-76]
7. International Studies Major – add HISTORY 355: Global Environmental History to Course List 2 [pp 77-78]
8. International Studies Major and Asian Studies Minor – add HISTORY 348: Ancient and Medieval India to course lists [pp 79-80]
9. International Studies Major and Asian Studies Minor – add HISTORY 349: Modern India to course lists [pp 81-82]
10. International Studies Major and Asian Studies Minor – add HISTORY 351: Gender in Indian History to course lists [pp 83-84]
11. International Studies Major and European Studies Minor – add ART 310: Art History, Ancient Art to course lists [pp 85-86]
12. International Studies Major and European Studies Minor – add ART 314: Northern Renaissance Art to course lists [pp 87-88]
13. International Studies Major and European Studies Minor – add FRENCH 401: Themes litteraires to course lists [pp 89-90]
14. International Studies Major and European Studies Minor – add FRENCH 403: Le Genre litteraire to course lists [pp 91-92]
15. International Studies Major and European Studies Minor – add FRENCH 405: Le Cinema Francais to course lists [pp 93-94]
16. International Studies Major and European Studies Minor – add HISTORY 101: Early Civilization to course lists [pp 95-96]
17. International Studies Major and European Studies Minor – add HISTORY 102: Modern Civilization to course lists [pp 97-98]
18. International Studies Major and European Studies Minor – add HISTORY 103: Modern Civilization (Honors) to course lists [pp 99-100]
19. Music Therapy Major – discontinue program - **TABLED**
20. Political Science Major – add POL SCI 308 to Subgroup 4 (International Relations) [pp 101-102]
21. Psychology Major: Healthcare Business Emphasis and Healthcare Sciences – add PSYCH 299 as core requirement [pp 103-104]

MOTION: Moved approval of items 1, 3-18, 20, & 21 by Neal/Jones. Approved.

MOTION: Moved to separated item #2 from the question by Pontynen/Meyerson.

MOTION: Moved to send item #2, the Environmental Health Major, back to the Biology Department for consultation with the College of Nursing and the College of Health and Human Services in regards to course requirements. .Dempsey/Jones. Passed.

FS0910-06 The Faculty Senate approved APC Items 1, 3-18, 20, & 21 as listed above.

FS0910-07 The Faculty Senate sent the Environmental Health Major program back to the Biology Department for consultation with the College of Nursing and the College of Health and Human Services in regards to course requirements.

V. Discussion Items

A. Student Suspension Policy (Lynn Freeman)

Freeman reported on an upcoming proposal to change the University suspension practices. The proposal would require enforcement of the current policy suspending students whose GPA is below 1.0 after one semester, but provide for an automatic reinstatement if students appeal the suspension and sees an academic advisor. It is hoped the program can be implemented by Fall 2010.

B. Core Textbook Grant (Ryan Haley)

Dr. Haley presented the concept and objectives of the recently funded FIPSE grant regarding the development of a core textbook with professor specific appendices. Business Calculus has shown an interest in participating in the pilot study and he would like to expand it to more courses.

He emphasized that this program would not be required for everyone since many courses do not lend themselves to this format.

VI. Items from Members

None

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Bill Wacholtz
Past-president

April Dutschek
Recorder