

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
November 30, 2010

Present: Bahcall, Beyer, Bryan, Garrison, Jones, Kercher, Kostman, Lattery Loewenstein, Maguire, Meyerson, Mrotek, Neal, Pontynen, Redington, Robson, Roth, Saginak, Simmons, Wacholtz, Westphal, Wurzbach

Excused: Dishaw, Kaltcheva

Absent: Brown

Administrative Representative: Provost Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Jean Inda

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Devin Hagan

Guests: Carleen Vande Zande

Minutes in Brief:

At the November 30, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate, Jean Inda reported on SAS, President Robson reported on the Provost's Staff and U-Plan committees, and Tim Hagen reported on the activities of OSA. The senate approved the Expectations for the Bi-Annual Assessment Report and the 2011-2012 Salary Adjustment Guidelines. The senate appointed Robert Sipes (Kinesiology) to the Faculty Senate Committee on the Assessment of Student Learning. The senate approved nine APC academic program action items from COB and COLS but tabled the COEHS item. The senate also approved the Program Reviews for the Master of Public Administration and Medical Technology programs. Senators discussed possible faculty responses to expected state cuts to the university's budget and the college-wide reviews of COEHS instructional staff.

President Robson called to order at 3:10 p.m.

I. State of the University

A. Reports

1. SAS (Inda) – Chancellor Wells came to the last SAS meeting. He informed them about the campus master plan, discussed the budget and the possibility of adding more furlough days. Chancellor Wells had handouts about the budget and the Board of Regents Meeting. He recommended that we watch his Board of Regents video on his website. Tim Danielson was meeting with the Executive Board about the salary compensation for Academic Staff. We were informed of the decision of WERC to allow petitions for unit clarification.
2. OSA (Hagan) – OSA is still looking for student representatives from virtually every college, except the College of Business. OSA helped get a yield sign on High street and are working towards bigger and better plans for smooth implementation of a crossing policy prior to opening the new academic building.
3. Provost Staff (Robson) – 11/16/10 meeting: 1) The student absence policy was discussed 2) Discussed the Assessment Report Guidelines; 11/30/10 meeting: 1) The Expectations for the Bi-annual Program Assessment Report were approved; 2) Announcements included NEW NORTH meeting on Dec. 3, State of State Panel tonight, and The Civility in Everyday Life Conference will be February 22 to February 24, 2011.
4. U-Plan (Robson) – 1) A name has not yet been determined for the new academic building; 2) There was a summary of planned construction projects; 3) The Board of Regents report was given; 4) The budget process was discussed.

II. Minutes of November 2, 2010

MOTION: Moved approval by Wurzbach/Saginak. Approved.

III. Old Business

A. None

IV. New Business

A. Expectations for the Bi-annual Program Assessment Report

MOTION: Moved approval of the Expectations for the Bi-annual Program Assessment Report by Neal/Westphal. Approved with 1 abstention.

FS1011-10 The Faculty Senate approved the Expectations for the Bi-annual Program Assessment Report .

B. Salary Adjustment Guidelines (2011–2012)

MOTION: Moved approval of the 2011-2012 Salary Adjustment Guideline by Bahcall/Kostman. Approved.

FS1011-11 The Faculty Senate approved the 2011-2012 Salary Adjustment Guidelines.

C. Committee Appointments

1. Faculty Senate Assessment Committee -
Robert Sipes (Kinesiology)

MOTION: Moved approval of the above committee appointments by Jones/Garrison. Approved.

FS1011-12 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointment: Faculty Senate Assessment Committee – Robert Sipes.

D. Program Action Routing Sheets (Form C)

1. COB: Marketing Major – Approve new course BUS 477, Business Growth & Development, as a required course.
2. COB: Marketing Major – Approve new course BUS 477 as a capstone course that satisfies the culminating experience course requirement for a BBA degree.
3. COEHS: Secondary Education Science and Math Majors & Minors – Revise Minimum GPA's to student teach and graduate.
4. COLS: Chemistry Major: Discontinue Healthcare-Science Emphasis.
5. COLS: Chemistry Major: Discontinue Healthcare-Business Emphasis.
6. COLS Political Science Major: Add Poli Sci 329, Political Psychology, to subgroup 4 (International Relations and Organizations).
7. COLS: Political Science Major: Remove social science research methods courses as substitutes.
8. COLS: Religious Studies Major & Minor: Add Rel Stds 338, Comparative Religious Ritual, to the Globalized Religion category.
9. COLS: Spanish Major & Minor: Add Spanish 300, Conversaciones Culturales, as an elective.
10. COLS: Women's Studies Major & Minor: Add Wom Stds 260, Psychology of Gender, to major Social Sciences requirement and minor electives.

MOTION: Moved approval to items 1 – 10 by Wurzbach/Beyer.

There was discussion about item 3 as to whether the GPA requirement should be reduced to 2.75 in the College of Education for Math and Science majors.

MOTION: Moved approval to split the question and consider item 3 separately from items 1-2 and 4-10 by Simmons/Wurzbach. Approved.

MOTION: Moved approval to approve items 1-2 and 4-10 by Wurzbach/Beyer. Approved.

FS1011-13 The Faculty Senate approved the following form C APC items: COB: Approve new course BUS 477 as a required course & BUS 477 as a capstone course that satisfies the culminating experience course requirement for BBA degree; COLS: Chemistry Major: Discontinue Healthcare-Science Emphasis and Healthcare-Business Emphasis; Political Science Major: Add Poli Sci 329 to subgroup 4; Remove social science research methods courses as substitutes; Religious Studies Major and Minor: Add Rel Stds 338 to the Globalized Religion category; Spanish Major and Minor: Add Spanish 300 as an elective; Women's Studies Major and Minor: Add Wom Stds 260 to major Social Sciences requirement and minor electives.

MOTION: Moved approval to table item 3 to December 14, 2010, when representatives from the curriculum instruction program are available to respond to the senate's concerns by Meyerson/Jones. Approved.

E. Program Reviews

1. Master of Public Administration Program Review
2. Medical Technology Program Review

MOTION: Moved approval of the Masters of Public Administration & Medical Technology program reviews by Neal/Roth. Approved.

FS1011-14 The Faculty Senate approved the Masters of Public Administration & Medical Technology program.

V. Discussion Items (Robson) Discussion of the Budget Process – Need to prioritize what is important for us to maintain as the University considers where budget cuts are to be made.

General discussion ensued. Some areas talked about included

- Academics are important
- Teaching loads and class sizes
- Research and student scholarship
- Growing enrollments with shrinking resources.
- Quality education with more demands on our time.
- Role of collective bargaining budget discussions.
- We must be unified in our approach.
- Beware of fear-driven rhetoric disempowering faculty.

Request for data on how current budget is broken down.

VI. Committee Reports - None

VII. Items from Members –
Evaluation of instructional academic staff

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President Elect

Sharon Harwood
Recorder