

Faculty Senate Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 2017 at the Alumni House, 2:00 PM

I. Attendance:

J. Aleshunas, L. Baden, K. Corley, A. Geraghty-Rathert, G. Glasgow, T. Green, M. Hulsizer, J. Palmer, D. Psihountas, T. Reilly, G. Renz, B. Rodney, S. Schroeder, Q. Shao, and J. Stulce.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the January 19, 2017 Senate meeting were approved upon motion by D. Psihountas, seconded by G. Glasgow.

III. Old Business

1. Doug Finlayson was unanimously approved by email vote as representative to Global Citizenship Committee to replace Scott Jenson (at-large) for Spring 2017.
2. Appointing members to the Marketing Advisory Committee.
Goal is to have members from each school or college, although schools and colleges may have more than one person on the Marketing Advisory Committee. The following members were approved:
 - T. Green (SOE) was unanimously approved upon motion by B. Rodney, seconded by J. Aleshunas.
 - J. Palmer (WSBT) was unanimously approved upon motion by T. Reilly, seconded by A. Geraghty-Rathert.
 - E. Rhiney from GHW School of Business & Technology was unanimously approved upon motion by T. Green, seconded by J. Aleshunas.
 - H. Singaravelu from the School of Arts & Sciences was unanimously approved upon motion by A. Geraghty-Rathert, seconded by S. Schroeder.

The Senate informally approved Terry Sullivan as a representative from SOC pending his agreement to serve on the committee. L. Baden is going to speak with T. Sullivan regarding membership. Senators unanimously agreed to participate in an email vote on T. Sullivan's membership if he agrees to serve.

3. Appointing members to the Bias Incident Reporting Review Committee.
The following members were approved:
 - Jeff Hughes, Dani MacCartney, and Elizabeth Risik were unanimously approved motion by Q. Shao, seconded by D. Psihountas.
 - A. Geraghty-Rathert was unanimously approved upon motion by T. Reilly, seconded by D. Psihountas.
 - Tom Cornell was unanimously approved, subject to his acceptance, upon motion by B. Rodney, seconded by K. Corley.

The Senate would like a member from School of Communication and asked the SOC senators to identify and recommend potential members from the SOC.

4. Approving Global Citizenship Program Review Committee's charter and members. The following charter and membership for the Global Citizenship Program Review Committee was unanimously approved upon motion by T. Reilly, seconded by A. Geraghty-Rathert.

Mission and Scope of the Global Citizenship Program Review Committee

The Faculty Senate formed an ad hoc Global Citizenship Program Review Committee to oversee and coordinate a complete review of the Global Citizenship Program. This review will include, but is not limited to, determining if the Global Citizenship Program as currently implemented meets the program's original and current goals, examining the program's implementation and its outcomes, and considering whether the program's goals and implementation need to be modified in light of our experience. This Senate review committee will seek input from, and coordinate its activities with, the existing Global Citizenship Program committee and other relevant individuals and groups. The Global Citizenship Program Review Committee will provide the Faculty Senate with a report of its findings.

Members of the Global Citizenship Program Review Committee

The Global Citizenship Program Review committee members currently are Senate President Gary Renz and Senators Robin Assner-Alvey, Larry Baden, and Terri Reilly. Other members may be added as appropriate.

The Committee will present its report to the Faculty Senate at the end of its review, tentatively set for the end of the 2017 Fall Semester.

5. Concerns with the proposed Smoking Ban.
 - G. Glasgow presented concerns the Conservatory has regarding banning smoking at Conservatory events:
 - How does the proposed ban affect using E-cigarettes in plays?
 - How does the proposed affect Repertory patrons?
 - Will the proposed ban include sidewalks?

The Senate discussed these concerns, but took no formal action. B. Rodney says the smoking ban proposal is in limbo, but he would present the concerns to the administration and student group sponsoring the proposed ban.

6. Topics for the 2017 Spring Institute.

After discussion of possible topics, the Senate informally agreed that Webster's enrollment issues would be the topic for the 2017 Spring Institute. M. Hulsizer, K. Corley, Q. Shao, D. Psihountas, B. Rodney, L. Baden, and T. Reilly agreed to discuss how this topic could be used for the 2017 Spring Institute.

7. Update from "blended education" task force and discussion.

B. Rodney and D. Psihountas reported they had spoken with people at the extended campuses and in the online program. They found that people wanted the

option of having different semester structures (such as 7 week semesters). It was unclear how having different semester structures would apply to online programs.

D. Psihountas states that shorter semester structures could be detrimental to programs like the Legal Studies program. A. Geraghty-Rathert agreed because the American Bar Association has strict requirements for the program. G. Renz stated that accreditation concerns, such as student contact hours, must be considered before approving a shorter semester. No formal action was taken.

V. New Business

1. Accessibility Committee's proposed modifications to the University Handbook.

Tracey Brenner presented proposed changes that the Accessibility Committee wanted to make to the University Handbook that focused primarily on expanding the size of the committee's membership. (The proposed revision is in the Appendices to the Agenda for the February 2, 2017 meeting.)

Senators did not object to the request, but noted several concerns with the present University Handbook language regarding the Accessibility Committee. Upon motion by M. Hulsizer, seconded by S. Schroeder, the Senate unanimously agreed to table the Accessibility Committee's request pending additional revisions to the University Handbook language. Specifically, the Senate wants the proposed Handbook language to state that the committee chair must be a statused or status-track faculty member, identify who are the ex-officio members, and state whether the Committee coordinator has voting rights.

2. Multicultural Studies Committee's proposed modifications to the University Handbook and vacancies on the Committee

T. Reilly, a chair of the Multicultural Studies Committee, asked the Senate to replace Pinar Alakoc and Stacey Henning on the committee. They cannot serve during Spring 2017 because they are taking sabbatical or FDL leaves. The Senate asked T. Reilly to bring recommendations for replacements to the next Senate meeting.

T. Reilly also presented proposed changes that the Multicultural Studies Committee wanted to make to the University Handbook. (The proposed revision is in the Appendices to the Agenda for the February 2, 2017 meeting.) After discussion, the Senate asked T. Reilly to revise the proposed changes and bring the changes back to the Senate in the future.

3. Extending the length of future Faculty Senate meetings:

G. Renz proposed making future Senate meetings two hours in length. The Senate agreed with the idea, but left open the new starting and ending times. G. Renz will survey Senators by email regarding their preferred starting and ending time and report back to the Senate.

MEETING ADJOURNED 3:40 p.m.