

MINUTES/FACULTY SENATE MEETING
September 1, 2011

The Senate met on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at the Alumni House

Ralph Olliges, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Jef Awada, Glen Bauer, Maxine Bauermeister, Mary Bevel, Carla Colletti, Susan Heady, John Orr, Stephanie Schroeder, Marty Smith, Eileen Solomon, Roy Tamashiro, Keith Welsh

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 28th Faculty Senate meeting were approved. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

Announcements

Before the announcements, a question was asked about the parking issue that was discussed in March. There was no resolution and the issue was not brought up again.

Ralph informed the group that President Stroble will attend the September 15th Faculty Senate meeting for a conversation for about an hour. She will be joined by Julian Schuster and Oren Yagil as well.

All present were reminded of the reception being held in Sunnen Lounge this afternoon to welcome the new administrators to Webster. Everyone was encouraged to stop by and say hello.

The Faculty Senate website is now a reality. The Faculty Senate website is <http://www.webster.edu/facultysenate/>. The monthly Senate newsletter as well as other items pertaining to Faculty Senate can be found on the website. Ralph asked for ideas for items to add to the website. If anyone has a suggestion, Ralph asked that they be sent to him.

Ralph stated that the question asked at a previous meeting concerning SOC salary adjustment has been addressed.

The Council of Chairs meeting was revived and they will have their first luncheon meeting next Tuesday, September 6th from 12-1 p.m. in the Faculty Senate meeting room. Ralph will ask the Chairs when they would like to meet again. A Chair can send a designee representative in his/her place.

The updated GCPC charge is to be shared at the September 13th Faculty Assembly.

Committee Appointments

No one ran for the remaining position on the Salary and Fringe Benefit Committee. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Paula Witkowski to fill the vacant SFB position for a one-year appointment. All were in favor; motion carried.

Kristen DiFate was appointed to the Institutional Review Board to replace Brenda Boyce for Fall 2011 and Eric Godereis for Spring 2012. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Kristen DiFate to fill the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 IRB positions. All were in favor; motion carried.

Faculty Assembly

There will be an update from the Wellness Committee as well as a GCPC update.

Fall 2011 Faculty Institute

Glen shared a list of those who have volunteered to serve on the Fall 2011 Faculty Institute Planning Committee. The Institute is being held November 18th & 19th at Pere Marquette Lodge. A planning meeting will be held next Thursday, September 8th from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Faculty Senate meeting room.

GCP Committee Handbook Language

GCP Handbook Language was brought to the Faculty Senate and based on the suggestions made at the last meeting it was decided that a vote would not be taken until final changes were made. The changes that were discussed at the last meeting and voted on were reiterated for those that may not have been present. An addition was recommended for Item #3 which currently reads – The GCPC may remove existing courses from the Global Citizenship Program. In such cases, the GCPC shall notify the respective department or program chair in advance, and shall outline the rationale for the deletion. The addition to Item #3 is as follows: a department may revisit and resubmit a denied course for further consideration. A motion was made and seconded to approve the GCP Committee Handbook Language with the above addition. All were in favor; motion carried.

GCP Committee Update

Stephanie gave an update on the committee's work over the summer as follows:

- those committee members that worked over the summer obtained a small stipend
- a course proposal form has been developed and will be added as a link to the GCP website
- a list of learning outcomes as well as an annual assessment form will be added as a link to the GCP website
- for at least the first semester, only existing courses will be incorporated
- have adapted AAC&U VALUE rubrics for existing courses
- courses cannot be double coded and will not be assessed for more than one skill

University Handbook Language for Faculty Status Review Procedure for Candidates for Senior Academic Administrators

This item was discussed at the July 28th Faculty Senate meeting and, at that time, it was felt that the language for this item needed to be reworked and brought back to the September 1st Faculty Senate meeting. The Senate did not approve adding other positions and felt that if other positions are needed, it should be brought back to the Senate.

Proposed University Handbook Language for Department Name Changes and Similar Modifications

This Handbook Language was presented at the July 28th Faculty Senate meeting and the language was revised by removing “schools and colleges” from the creation of departments language. It was stated that faculty have always instituted schools and colleges. It was also stated that most universities have not dealt with this issue in their Handbook.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and split the University Handbook Language for Faculty Status Review Procedure and Department Name Changes into two separate documents for inclusion in the University Handbook. With the exception of one abstention, all were in favor; motion carried.

Messing Award and Faculty Research Grants

Ralph shared documents with those present that were sent out last year concerning the Messing Award. Also included was a review from faculty regarding the Messing Award and Faculty Research Grants. The peer review committee is appointed by the Provost. The total amount for disbursement toward Faculty Research Grants this year is \$90,000. It is felt that there needs to be some restructuring of how Faculty Research Grants are awarded including questions about how the committees are composed; discussion followed. Ralph asked everyone to think about ideas and this will be discussed at a later meeting.

Faculty Governance at Extended Campuses

Conversation began concerning faculty governance on campuses outside St. Louis as well as ensuring quality academic programs on those campuses. In the past, Faculty Senate was hesitant to address faculty governance issues at extended campuses because the issues dealt with faculty status and academic quality. It was also stated that when dealing with extended campuses, you would be dealing with international law. It was suggested that extended campuses be notified of the faculty governance procedure and to let the extended campuses know that if they should need anything brought before the Faculty Senate, to please contact Faculty Senate. More discussion needs to follow at a later meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.