

## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2018

**Senators Present:** Polly Allred, Ambrose Anoruo, María Ayala-Schueneman, Santa Barraza, Marion Blake, Rudolf Bohm, Jieming Chen, Horacio Duarte, Christine Fiestas, Ann Fronckowiak, Karen Furgerson, Brent Hedquist, Elizabeth Janzen, Kai Jin, Joseph Jones, Larry Knight, Tanner Machado, Richard Miller, Patrick Mills, Tim Oblad, Joseph Sai, Ari Sherris, Tushar Sinha, Marsha Sowell, Amit Verma, Randall Williams, Subbarao Yelisetti, Nuri Yilmazer, Hong Zhou

**Senators Absent:** Natasha Bell, Kristopher Garza, Jeffrey Glick, Christopher Hearon, Dongnyoung Kim, Lana McDonnell, Brian Menaker, Craig A. Meyer, Barbara Oates, Patricia Polastri, Elda E. Sanchez, Jack Shorter, Pamela Wright

**Attending:** Dr. Allen Rasmussen, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Michelle Duran, Assistant Vice President for Teaching and Learning.

### I. Call to Order and Quorum Call.

At 3:37 p.m. President Miller asked the parliamentarian, Polly Allred, if enough members were present for a quorum. Senator Allred replied in the affirmative.

### II. Approval of Minutes from February 2018 Faculty Senate Meeting.

President Miller asked for approval of the previous meeting minutes. Minutes were approved.

### III. Presentations.

#### A. Presentation from Dr. Allen Rasmussen, Provost

- Dr. Rasmussen reported on the budget. Plans include delaying construction not yet started and a soft hiring freeze. Dr. Rasmussen also reported on his trip to India and explained the difficulties facing students from India who might wish to study here.

### IV. Report of Officers

- a. Senate President Miller reported on efforts to reach out to retired faculty and asked that names and addresses be sent to him of retired faculty. President Miller is trying to create a way for retirees to be identified through Banner.
- b. President Miller reported that the Memorial to the Fallen task force is composed of two students, two staff members, and one facilities staff member, and 2 faculty Senators: Dr. Miller and Dr. Williams.
- c. President Miller reported that the Annual Faculty Evaluation document is now under review by the Provost and Chairs.
- d. Information was requested from the Provost's office concerning the report of the Compression and Gender Equity Committee.
- e. President Miller reported that President Tallant said that the University has no money to implement the Workload Resolution as a whole but will look at parts that could be implemented.
- f. President Miller reported that the Student Success Advisory Board had not met until last week. UNIV 1102 courses have been given to Colleges and Dr. Miller suggested that the Senate might want to be involved. He also said that he did not know how assessment will be accomplished; evaluation will be up to the Colleges. Only two Colleges have used faculty members to teach classes. Senator Allred moved to request: 1) Senate representation on the Student Success Advisory Board and 2) that regular meetings take place. The motion passed.
- g. President Miller reminded the Senate that next month new Senate Representatives will be seated. It was moved and passed that the current Faculty Executive Committee will recommend candidates to the incoming Faculty Senate President. This will ensure that a slate of officers is ready for officer elections in April. Nominations will be welcomed from the floor.

- h. President Miller asked for the outcome of the Constitutional vote. Senator Furgerson, Chair of Elections Committee, indicated that the proposed changes were approved by the General Faculty.

**V. Old Business:**

**VI. Standing Committee Reports**

- a. **Resolution and By-laws/Handbook Committee** – No report. President Miller said a report was forthcoming soon.
- b. **Committee on Committees** – No report.
- c. **Election Committee** – President Miller reported that several Departments will be replacing Senators. Emails have been sent. Senators were reminded that election ballots need to be directed to Senator Furgerson, Chair of Elections Committee.

**VII. Reports from Committees Reporting to the Senate**

- a. **Administrator Evaluation Committee** – No report.
- b. **Annual Faculty Lecture Committee** - A call for next year's lecture will be made from March 1 to the 19th.
- c. **Faculty Evaluation Committee** – No report.
- d. **University Appeals Committee** – No report.
- e. **Faculty Benefits Committee** – No report.

**VIII. Task Force Reports**

- a. **Overload/Banked Hours** –Report sent back to Committee. Senator Anoruo will meet with Committee.
- b. **Summer Salary Caps** – Will send report next week.
- c. **Task Force on Salary Compression/Gender Equity** – Committee has sent requests for information. Will report findings next time.
- d. **SRI Revision** – Senator Janzen reported it was an ongoing process.
- e. **Team Teaching** – Senator Barraza reported they were looking for other members.
- f. **Honors Cords Policy** – The Task Force submitted a draft proposal. President Miller told the Committee that an approved policy needs to be in place for Spring Commencement.

**IX. New Business**

- a. **Nomination process for Distinguished Senator Award** – President Miller asked for nominations to be sent to Senator María de Jesús Ayala-Schueneman, Faculty Senate Secretary.
- b. **Tenure Review Committee Policy** – President Miller said that the Faculty Handbook should specify a method to appeal tenure decisions. He said he had written a draft and sent it to the Resolutions Committee.

**X. Announcements.** No announcements were made.

**XI. Adjournment.** At 5:02 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made and passed.

**Respectfully submitted,**

María de Jesús Ayala-Schueneman  
Faculty Senate Secretary