

**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 6, 2016**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Tech Hall Dining Room**

**MINUTES**

**Senators present:** Susan Anderson, Jenna Barry, Harry Burt, David Clough, Althea Coleman, Kate Pelletier, Karen Rotella, Jason Seabury, Kathy Taylor, Sandra Valente, Jane Wampler, Sandy Wood

**Senators absent:** Greg Harding, Melanie Majeski, Hien Nguyen

**Guests:** Sandra Eddy

**1. Open meeting**

D. Clough opened the meeting at 3:06 P.M.

**2. Previous Minutes**

J. Wampler wished to clarify that she does not support a structure in which Faculty Senate is the singular voice for the GEAC and CEAC. They should remain autonomous, but GEAC and CEAC should be on the Faculty Senate agenda every month reporting out so that the Faculty Senate can serve as an impartial third party. GEAC and CEAC would not be reporting to the Faculty Senate in a subordinate role nor in a way that would elongate their respective processes. A discussion of the governance structure and a possible new meeting structure followed.

J. Wampler noted that she will be chair of CEAC and J. Seabury will be chair of GEAC. They can give their respective committee reports at Faculty Senate meetings.

D. Clough suggested that the Academic Appeals Committee become a part of this fabric, so that faculty could have a voice in outlining the academic appeal procedures.

D. Clough proposed a meeting structure in which the Faculty Senate president would open the meeting, and then senators would hear reports from the three committees: Academic Standards, CEAC, and GEAC.

S. Anderson suggested that Faculty Senate hosts the CEAC's open hearings and votes instead of the votes taking place at the All-College meetings.

J. Seabury recommended that faculty would be invited to attend this type of meeting immediately following the All-College meeting and prior to the union meetings. The Faculty Senate would run the meeting, and CEAC could hold their votes during this time.

K. Taylor proposed that faculty pull together for a pro-staff day hosted by the Faculty Senate, in the weeks when faculty are on contract but not yet teaching (the week before the semester starts in January, and the week after the semester ends in May).

S. Valente recommended sending out a survey to faculty to see what they think would be helpful to talk about at such a meeting.

J. Seabury suggested that it be phrased as a faculty meeting facilitated by the Faculty Senate.

D. Clough noted that the change to the faculty senate meeting structure, with GEAC, CEAC, and AS reporting at the beginning of each meeting, will not require a major change to the bylaws.

Following this discussion, K. Pelletier motioned to amend the minutes from the November 8 meeting and K. Taylor seconded.

### **3. Continuation of discussion of governance structure of faculty senate**

D. Clough will disseminate a draft document with some language for the new meeting structure before the first Senate meeting of the Spring semester.

K. Taylor and K. Rotella will work together to begin planning for the first All-Faculty meeting to be held after the February All-College Meeting.

D. Clough will update the Faculty Senate webpage over the semester break and will begin uploading minutes. He will announce campus-wide when the new webpage is up.

K. Rotella suggested that the webpage have a place for feedback and anonymous comment.

### **4. Update on President Nunez as guest speaker in Spring**

K. Taylor asked senators for input on whether Elsa Nuñez's visit should occur on a Thursday or Friday. The senators responded that Friday would be ideal. J. Wampler suggested 11:00 for the start of the program.

### **5. Other old business**

K. Pelletier reported that due to the joining of BSS and A&H into the LABSS division, there will now be one Designated Senator from this division, and there will be an additional At-Large senator position added to keep the number of senators at 15.

### **8. New Business**

J. Barry offered to present about OERs at Faculty Senate-hosted faculty meeting to be scheduled in February.

### **9. Motion to Adjourn**

S. Valente made a motion to adjourn the meeting. K. Taylor seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Barry