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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

October 12, 3:30 p.m.
ENGR 209

John Pijanowski, Chair
Linda Jones, Secretary
Minutes Status: **Approved**

Roll Call

Present

Officers: Pijanowski, Hall, Jones, Brady, Allison, Hagstrom

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Jacobus; (ALFS) Ahrendsen, Shoulders, Hettiarachchy, Edgar; (ARSC) Gigantino, Lee, Christiansen, Bell, Kerr, Brewer; (WCOB) Kali, Peters; (EDHP) Brady, Higgins, Lusk; (ENGR) Selvam, Rossetti, Hall, Chimka; (LAW) Beard; (LIBR) Lehman; (At-Large) Murphy, Whayne, Gay, Dennis, Kral, Salisbury, Korth, Gray, Allison, Johnson, Jensen, Sebald.

Senators (admin): Steinmetz, Saxena, DiBrezzo, Martin, McCray, Van Laningham, Judges, Needy, Miller, Leeds.

Absent:

Officers:

Senators (elected): (ARCH); (AFLS) Tzanetakakis; (ARSC) Freund, Bradley-Engen, Scheide, Spiegel, Comfort, Allen, Barabote, Lampinen, Landman, Quinn, White; (WCOB) Sabherwal, Esper; (EDHP) Hevel; (ENGR); (LAW) ; (LIBR) ; (At-Large).

Senators (admin): Rankin, Robinson, Robertson, MacKeith, Shields, Waller, English, Henderson Allen, Coon, Harwood-Rom, Cromer, Fagg.

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I. Call to Order: John Pijanowski

Meeting called to order at 3:31.

II. Roll Call

Roll called!

III. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved

IV. Approval of Minutes from [September 14, 2016](#)

Minutes Approved

V. Reports

A. Provost, Ashok Saxena

- *Civitas in progress; happy to see how the campus is coming together to retain and graduate more students; very useful; can take a lot of data from a lot of sources. Important to keep blackboard current. Important to make intervention early in the semester. Civitas is most useful if we all rally behind it and use it. Will help provide good data to the advisors.*
- *Soft moratorium on online programs. Only for new BS programs that are being proposed for online, not graduate programs. Must justify it based on uniqueness and demand.*
- *Campus planning - Eight new focus actions that the campus will rally around. The next step is to appoint someone who is a Vice Provost or a Dean or a specialist to lead five or six people to drill down the details of these focus actions. Hope to have this in place by the time the next Provost comes in.*
- *1% reallocation - Dean's have received a letter charging them with the strategy for pulling 1% for three years. Each college must decide where the 1% comes from. Must make a case for how the money is applied to one of the eight priorities. Some units will see their funds disappear but can apply to receive money back so as to address the eight priorities. We will try this for three years. It is not the intent of this program to move the money around the academic units. Instead, it is to get the units to think about what is important and what needs to be addressed.*

B. Faculty Senate Chair, John Pijanowski

- *Work of the Senate behind the scenes: policy procedure proposal put forward for University and Distinguished Professor. Also looking at the P & T checklist.*
- *Asking Academic Integrity to discourage the sale of class notes and the use of online tutors.*

- *Addressing faculty salaries and how summer salaries affect instructors.*
- *Provost candidates are arriving this month. Go to any open forums you can.*

VI. Announcements

A. *Chancellor Investiture: Thursday, October 20th, 2:00 p.m., Faulkner Performing Arts Center.*

B. *Chancellor Steinmetz provided the following comments:*

- *The system is sponsoring the investiture and it will be rather simple. In his remarks, he will talk about the campus goals and financing the campus goals.*
- *Enjoyed visiting all of the academic units - the eight goals come from those conversations.*
- *Going to appoint someone to be the key convener of a small number of individuals tasked to identify opportunities across campus that relate to the eight goals.*
- *Sometime in January or February, should have a list of concrete actions under each goal in place. For example - to increase Faculty and Staff compensation. Goal is to get at least to the median income relative to the SEC or the benchmark schools. How do you distribute those funds is the next consideration; must address equity and compression issues. This is in discussion.*
- *Other example - how do we get better at our graduate programs? Heard often that our graduate numbers are lagging behind undergraduates. Must figure out how to address this. How can we increase our stipend levels?*
- *Will pull 1% of the budget from each unit for the next three years and then reallocate to address the eight goals. 4-6 million potential dollars. Have asked the colleges to look at their allocations and their budgets and to let the Chancellor know by the spring how they will do the same allocating with their funds. Want to make sure all are using these resources to address the goals.*
- *Capital campaign - the eight goals are the goals of the campaign - want to tell the development folks in each college what the goals are to help them in their development process.*
- *It is in our best fiscal interest to retain students.*
- *Need to look for other opportunities to address these eight goals financially.*
- *Must be a mixture of disciplinary hires to address the collaboration goal.*
- *Must push the university towards innovative hires beyond just the general hiring plan.*

VII. Old Business

A. University Calendar Committee

[Calendar Proposal](#)

The proposal was approved.

[Final Exams](#)

Motion proposed to have the committee return with the proposed exam schedule and a revised exam schedule with Saturday exams included so that we could vote on one or the other. Seconded.

Motion passes.

VIII. New Business

a. Consent Agenda: The following items are referred by the University Course and Programs Committee and/or the Graduate Council for review and action by the Faculty Senate at its meeting scheduled October 12, 2016:

1. Course Change proposals – including undergraduate and graduate classes approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on September 23, 2016 ([PDF Report](#)).
2. Undergraduate Program Change Proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on September 23, 2016: ([PDF Report](#)).
 - a. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design, Department of Architecture – HARD-M, History of Architecture and Design Minor ([2a_HARD-M – New Option – Ltr of Notification, 2a_HARD-M Minorsletters.pdf](#)).
 - b. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions, Department of Curriculum and Instruction - CATEBS-TEED, Career and Technical Education Technology Education Concentration ([2b_CATE-TEED Report](#)).
 - c. Proposed undergraduate program change for the college of Education and Health Professions, Department of Curriculum and Instruction – ELELBS, Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Education ([2c_ELELBS Report](#)).

Consent Agenda passes

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:20.