

Faculty Senate Business Meeting

March 22, 2021

Submitted by K. Craven

Members Present:

Stephanie Adams, Douglas Airhart, Dan Allcott, Michael Allen, Jeremy Blair, Troy Brachey, Debra Bryant, Kris Craven, Dennis Duncan, David Hajdik, Tammy Howard, Janet Isbell, Brian Jones, Christy Killman, Nancy Kolodziej, Matt Langford, Chad Luke, Ann Manginelli, Lori Maxwell, Jennifer Meadows, Mark Melichar, Holly Mills, Lachelle Norris, David Larimore, Ojo, Anthony Paradis, Sally Pardue, Richard Rand, Jeff Roberts, Mike Rogers, Lee Ann Shipley, Troy Smith, Sandra Smith-Andrews, Barry Stein, Holly Stretz, Daniel Swartling, Robert Wilbanks, Zac Wilcox, Kimberly Winkle, Russ Witcher, Jeannette Wolak

Members Absent:

Chris Brown, Wei Tsun Chang, Yun Ding, Steven Frye, Susan Laningham, Emily Lee, Lenly Weathers

Proxy: Rachel Hall for Mary Lou Fornehed

Special Guest: Elizabeth Sofia (left after BOT Rep vote)

1. Call to Order

Senate President Holly Stretz called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Senator Duncan made a motion to approve the agenda. Senator Rand seconded.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes (February 22, 2021 Business Meeting) and Notes (April 5, 2021 Meeting with the President)

Senator Smith made a motion to approve. Senator Duncan seconded.

There was no discussion. The motion carried and both documents are approved.

4. BOT Faculty Representative Presentations and Vote (Pardue)

Candidates Sandi Smith-Andrews and Dan Allcott made brief presentations. Senate members

established and smooth transition and this position allows for a faculty member to see the progression of issues and provides a continuity for the Senate. Senate President Stretz added that she believes that it is a privilege to serve and be the voice of the faculty. The position allows a faculty member to transfer information to relevant members of campus and speak on behalf of the faculty.

6. Faculty Senate President update

There are currently some legal processes ongoing to address some conflict that has occurred recently. The process is for Human Resources to do an investigation and issue a ruling. If the

of recommendations, but this would need to happen very soon. Senators Rand and Smith-Andrews discussed needs around Study Abroad and International travel issues due to trips being booked and then cancelled in the last academic year due to the pandemic. Senator Killman also suggested tying the recommendations to high impact practices, this would strengthen the argument.

Senate President Stretz also said that the Provost is interested in expanding the options for faculty to participate in non-instructional leave. She has been requested to announce a clearer explanation of her intentions.

There was a brief discussion about the progress of the new Budget Advisory Committee structure. Dr. Stinson is listening but is still not getting enough advice.

On the issue of athlete rights, there was some information in the last meeting. President has met with coaches and Mark Wilson concerning the language and appropriate ways of protesting. There was a letter to express protests and the writers asked to meet with State Senators but did not ask to meet with President Oldham.

Adjournment

Senator Killman moved to adjourn the meeting. Senator Rand seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Approved: April 19, 2021