

Faculty Senate Business Meeting Minutes Monday November 11th 2024

Present: Michael Allen, Megan Atkinson, Scott Christen, Melissa Comer, Kris Craven, Mark Creter, Andrew Donadio, Dennis Fennewald, Joshua Field, Mary Lou Fornehed, Ka Grimes, Syeda Rafay H Colin Hill, Amy Hill, Alfred Kalyanapu, Krystal Kennedy, Christy Killman, Matthew Langford, Richard LeBorne, Jeannette Luna, Jennifer Mabry, Twana Nijje, Ann Manginelli, David Mann, Holly Mills, Linda Null, Brian O'Connor, Hyewon Park, Mustafa Pala, Steven Seiler, Lee Ann Shipley, Sandi Smith Andrews, Amber Spears, Leslie Suters, Thomas Timmerman, Kristen Trent, Kyle Turner, Hannah Upole,

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st, 2024: Motion by Smith Andrews and second by Donadio. No discussion. Motion carried.

- 3. Report from University Research Advisory Committee Dr. Adam Holley
 - a. Purview of committee is research across campus. Committee is composed of faculty and administration and meets with Dr. Liu to discuss how to improve doing research, policies, ways to enhance research activity without a lot of resources. Committee has met three times generating the following: ideas to incentivize creative output by rewarding smaller efforts (paper publication, etc.); action item CAFE survey looking at general faculty experience and incentives for faculty.
 - b. Questions/Discussion: Dr. Liu appreciates working with the committee.

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b. Questions/Discussion: none

- 5. Report from Academic Council Dr. Kimb

- a. The council is composed of faculty members are an active and important part of academic requirements, termin

- b. Questions/Discussion: none
- 6. Report from Administrative Council ~~Dr. Kris Craven~~
 - a. Administrative Council met three times during the semester and reviewed ~~the~~ Research Policies 790, 791, Policy 191 (Bicycles & Micro Transportation Devices), and Policy 560 (Cellular Service & Wireless Approval). Policies 191 and 560 underwent a first and second reading, as well as approval.
 - b. Questions/Discussion
 - i. Any comments or questions about policies to review? The tenure and promotion policy is undergoing significant review. Also looking at procedures for lecturers. The goal are to make the policy as clear as possible and move procedure out of policy.
 - ii. Who originally put forth the policy that was revised? Current policy is a reflection of changes over several years. Not sure when it was first created. Major revisions were presented to faculty senate, but before that have to go back to the faculty handbook that was written by faculty senate and AAUP

- c. Summer school Need an answer from Provost about how she views the academic role of summer school. It seems to be viewed different than it was historically. Some faculty have been denied teaching in the summer because the classes are offered fall or spring. This was incorrectly attributed to the Provost. The Provost clarified that if a class is not full in the summer then there should be consideration given to whether or not it is needed. Mandates from the Provost about summer school should be should be shared directly with faculty.
9. Ratification of Faculty Affairs Committee The document is on TEAMS. The list was voted on last year. Motion by Allen and second by O'Connor. List is ratified.
 10. Report from Faculty Senate President
 - a. Polk-Johnson (Student Affairs) and marketing are doing a fantastic job.
 - b. Talon has potential for predictive analysis and transparency in the budget.
 - c. Enrollment is up 11%
 - d. Harry Ingle is the new SGA Advisor.
 - e. Safety on campus: There was an incident at Bartoo and Crawford buildings broken into, trashed, and two students were harassed. New considerations for locking buildings, alarms, etc.
 - f. Suicide on campus: There is raised awareness here and at other universities. The President has raised the issue with Governor Lee. Mental health needs to be addressed
 - g. Capital outlay: ACME is short of funds. Matthew Daniels – if not funded will ask for planning and design.
 - h. TUFTS meeting: Meeting took place in Memphis. The legislative liaison suggested to collect a list of good things faculty do to share with the liaison so they are aware of what goes on.
 - i. Ombudsman: Will pull together information from other institutions on what works and what doesn't.
 11. Such Other Matters Faculty Senate retreat in January. We may work on policies, discuss shared governance without time constraints. Senate President Rajabali will send out a poll to measure willingness.

Senator meeting dates (business and other) can be found here [Faculty Senate Meeting Dates for 2024.docx](#)

Meeting with President November 25, 2024.

Breakfast with Board of Trustees December 5, 2024.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:21 PM. Motion by Smith Andrews and second by Mills. Motion carried.

Approved January 27, 2025