

Volume X, Number 10
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
April 20, 2017

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Past President Mark Fitch, filling in for Tom Schuman. Roll was called by Secretary Barbara Hale. Clickers were distributed to Faculty Senators as their name was called. Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

William Bragg, Lance Haynes, (Max Tohline for) Audra Merfeld-Langston, Mark Mullin, David Westenberg, Craig Claybaugh, Fui-Hoon Nah, (Christine Luks for) Daniel Forciniti, Ali Rownaghi, (Tom Schuman for) Richard Dawes, Jeffrey Winiarz, Klaus Woelk, Joel Burken, Mark Fitch, Fikret Ercal, Chaman Sabharwal, Michael Davis, Levent Acar, Kurt Kosbar, (Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani for) James Drewniak, Maciej Zawodniok, Trent Brown, K. C. Dolan, Steven Corns, Abhijit Gosavi, Ralph Flori, (David Wronkiewicz for) Wan Yang, Kathleen Sheppard, David Van Aken, (Scott Miller for) Wayne Huebner, (V. A. Samaranayake for) Martin Bohner, Akim Adekpedjou, S.N. Balakrishnan, Umit Koylu, Gearoid MacSithigh, Ashok Midha, Otis Register, Shoaib Usman, Paul Worsey, Barbara Hale, Ulrich Jentschura, (Nathan Weidner for) Amber Henslee

II. Approval of Minutes
-Postponed to June meeting.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President's Report

Faculty Senate President Tom Schuman reported that the Intercampus Faculty Council will meet on April 21 by telepresence to discuss university relations, post-tenure review, and progress on budgeting on the four campuses and planning for 2017-18 IFC planning.

Dr. Schuman reminded the Senate that the Board of Curators is scheduled to meet on the S&T campus on April 27-28. Administration will host a dinner on the evening of the 27th with presentations on graduate student research and Engineers Without Borders. Friday begins with a breakfast hosted by Faculty Senate. Vice Provost and Dean Richard Brow will present examples of industrial collaborative research. Following breakfast, the Curators will discuss critical issues associated with campus research, such as the economic impact to the state.

Professor Schuman went on to discuss the recent visit of President Choi to the S&T campus. Dr. Choi introduced Chris Maples as the potential interim chancellor. The Faculty Senate officers met with Dr. Maples during the visit.

Dr. Schuman discussed the Budget Discussions held on March 24. There were a couple of unanswered questions that arose– did President Choi’s mean to say “balanced budget” or did he mean to say “8% and 12% cuts”? Another question concerned the strategic plan funding mechanism. Dr. Schuman confirmed in his comments, Dr. Choi did actually mean to say 8% and 12% cuts, not necessarily balanced budget. President Choi also said that if budgets are not balanced bottom up, they must be balanced and will be balanced top down. He would prefer that this be a ground up budgeting process.

Dr. Schuman reported that the other issue the FS officers discussed with President Choi was about intercampus reallocation. Dr. Choi said he has no intention of doing any intercampus reallocation because he felt it would sow additional discord between the campuses. Instead, System resources will be used to supplement individual campuses.

Details of the report are available at the following link:

[PresidentReport.4.20.17](#)

B. Administrative Reports

i. Chancellor’s Report - NO REPORT

ii. Provost’s Report

Provost Marley reiterated that the news of the day is President Choi’s intention to nominate Dr. Chris Maples to be the interim chancellor. Based on the announcement earlier today, Dr. Maples official start date will be June 1.

Dr. Marley stated that an announcement will be made on Monday, April 24, regarding the search for the Vice Provost and Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing. Finalists have been invited to campus and the visits will take place over the next couple of weeks. The names and bios of the finalists will be available on the website.

Provost Marley indicated that progress has been made on some of the chair searches. As was announced last month, a new chair has been appointed for the Biological Sciences Department. The search for a chair of the Chemistry Department will continue. Announcements will be made very soon regarding the chair searches for the departments of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering and Psychological Sciences. Dr. Marley indicated that a recommendation regarding the Computer Science chair search is also expected very soon.

To dovetail with Dr. Schuman’s report, Provost Marley reported on the budget process, giving an estimated timeline. Input will continue to be sought from faculty and staff throughout the process. May 10 is the target for release of current proposed budget reductions for FY18. The announcement will include

dates of upcoming information sessions. President Choi's April 4 communication asked all four campuses to identify reductions of 8 to 12% overall before the end of the calendar year. Further, he requested consideration of program realignment, merger, or elimination based on priorities and quality assessment. Dr. Marley mentioned that he reached out to the FS Officers regarding the best way to seek faculty input into the process.

Dr. Marley mentioned that the provost's website includes information on the CEC vice provost and dean search. Updates will be posted there, as will information regarding the upcoming visits of the finalists.

Dr. Barbara Hale asked if the 2% reduction requested by each unit on campus for FY17 was an additional reduction or if it was the original request. Dr. Marley indicated that it was the formal request for the 2% reduction that had been discussed previously.

Dr. Gearoid MacSithigh asked for clarification on the statement about program prioritization. Provost Marley commented that the term "program" in this context refers to any support program, initiative or effort, not necessarily a degree program. In his view, this is a long-term effort.

Details of the report are available at the following link:
[ProvostReport.4.20.17](#)

C. Staff Council Report

Sylvia Dees presented Staff Council's report, reminding the Senate that Staff Day is coming up on May 17. Lots of fun activities have been planned with proceeds going toward a new Scholarship for Staff Education fund, as well as the other events that Staff Council coordinates. Donations and volunteers are welcomed.

D. Student Council

Morgan Hale stated that this is her last meeting as Student Council President. She stated that Scottie Thomas will be installed as the next Student Council President on Tuesday, April 25. Morgan updated the Senate on some of this year's priority projects. Steps have been taken to ensure that the Fitness Center expansion will happen, with the timeline being roughly two years to completion. Renderings and blueprint markups have been drawn up, and the bidding process should begin this summer or fall. The transit system project is ongoing, with committees working to determine whether the ebus is viable and other options are being investigated. There will be an open forum regarding the Fitness Center expansion on Wednesday, April 26 in Bertelsmeyer B10. The forum is open to all interested students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Schuman suggested that the Open Forum be announced in econnection.

Dr. Hale asked if the Fitness Center expansion was being funded by student fees. Morgan explained that the expansion will be covered by a pre-existing recreation fee. The golf fee was also absorbed into the recreation fee. The cost is estimated to be about \$3.8M.

**E. Council of Graduate Students
- NO REPORT**

IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Curricula

Professor Schuman presented the Curricula Committee report stating that the Curricula Committee met on April 5 to review one degree change request, eleven course change requests and six experimental course requests.

Motion: The Curriculum Committee moves for Faculty Senate to approve the DC and CC form actions.

The motion passed.

At the request of the Registrar's Office, the Curricula Committee conducted an official discussion regarding the campus courses that list "consent of instructor" as a prerequisite. Dr. Schuman explained that the CCC has enforced in the past that consent of instructor is understood for all courses. Any student can ask to be admitted into any class if the prerequisites are there. What "consent of instructor" means is that a student must see the instructor before getting permission to enroll in the class. In order to ensure that the requirement is enforced, the CCC presents the following motion:

Motion from CCC regarding course prerequisite: "Consent of instructor" should only be listed as a prerequisite if there is a specific reason or need. If listed, it should be enforced. Students may request that course prerequisites be waived if warranted, but that is not the purpose of the "Consent of instructor" designation."

The motion passed.

Details of the report are available at the following links:

[CCC.Report.4.20.17](#)

[CCC.FS.Slides](#)

**B. Information Technology/Computing
- NO REPORT**

C. **Rules, Procedure, and Agenda**

Dr. Mark Fitch instructed the Senate on procedures for nomination and voting for the committee elections for 2017-18.

Dr. Fitch reported that RP&A proposes the following slate of Faculty Senate Officers for next year:

Past President, Tom Schuman
President, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani
President-Elect, Michael Bruening
Secretary, Steven Corns
Parliamentarian, Richard Dawes

No nominees were submitted from the floor. *The Faculty Senate Officers as proposed by RPA& was approved.*

Dr. Fitch mentioned that by FS resolution, the President, Past President and President-Elect are the campus representatives to Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC).

The results of the committee elections are as follows:

Academic Freedom and Standards

Douglas Ludlow, Nicholas Leventis, Mark Schlesinger (2 yr. terms each)

Administrative Review

Kelly Liu, Richard Hall (2 yr. terms)

Budgetary Affairs

Richard Dawes, Mark Fitch (2 yr. terms)

Campus Curricula Committee

Tom Schuman (2 yr. term)

Facilities Planning

Bill Gillis, Kris Swenson, Maciej Zawodniok, Mark Mullin (2 yr. terms)

Honorary Degrees

Genda Chen, Douglas Ludlow, Kelly Tate, Susan Murray (1 yr. terms)

Information Technology and Computing (informational only – appointed by dept.)

Joel Dittmer, Barry Flachsbart, Garry Grubbs, Genda Chen, Ricardo Morales, Abhijit Gosavi, David Wright, Devin Burns

Intellectual Property

Jay Switzer, Genda Chen, David Wright (2 yr. terms)

Library and Learning Resources

Cesar Mendoza, Katie Grantham, Ed Malone, Michael Bruening (2 yr. terms)

Personnel

Peter Ryan, David Westenberg, Michael Davis (2 yr. terms)

Student Affairs

Klaus Woelk, Tracie Devault, Beth Cudney, Elizabeth Roberson, Kathleen Sheppard (one yr. terms)

A question was raised from the floor regarding departmental nominees that are not included in the **list of nominees presented**. **Levent Acar made a motion** to postpone the election to June. The motion was seconded.

In the ensuing discussion, Dr. Kosbar suggested that since we were already halfway through the elections, it would be more confusing to stop and start again at the June meeting. He proposed continuing with the election and if further investigation warranted, the election could be opened again in June. Dr. Kosbar made the motion to continue the election. Dr. Acar voiced opposition to the notion of reopening the election in June because that supports the idea that we can redo the election if we don't like the outcome.

The motion did not pass.

Tenure (Policy) – informational only; selected by dept.

Jerry Cohen, Irina Ivliyeva (alternate)
Richard Hall, Fiona Nah (alternate)
Daniel Forciniti, P. Neogi (alternate)
Bill Schonberg, Jianmin Wang (alternate)
Sanjay Madria, Wei Jiang (alternate)
Jagannathan Sarangapani
Cihan Dagli, Dave Enke (alternate)
Anne Cotterill, Kathryn Northcut (alternate)
Steve GAO, David Rogers (alternate)
John McManus, Tsegai Isaac (alternate)
S. N. Balakrishnan, Anthony Okafor (alternate)
Nancy Stone, Amber Henslee (alternate)

Grievance Resolution Panel

Ron Frank (3 yr. term)

Grievance Oversight Committee

Yinfa Ma (3 year term)

Parking, Security, and Traffic

Dipak Barua, Cesar Mendoza, Trent Brown, Diana Ahmad

Student Scholastic Appeals

Michael Davis, Kurt Kosbar (2 yr. terms)

Conflict of Interest

Kathryn Northcut, David Van Aken

Thanks to EdTech for providing clickers and tech support for the elections.

D. Administrative Review

Dr. V. A. Samaranayake presented the Administrative Review Committee report, briefly discussing the process used to conduct the review. Cheryl McKay provided the review data to the committee, the committee reviewed the results and discovered some errors in the data format. Corrected analyses and participation rates were provided on April 10. On April 17, the Administrative Review committee met with the Faculty Senate officers to review the survey data and to determine the specific process for presenting the results.

The Committee recommended and the Faculty Senate officers agreed that the discussion and materials from the meeting are to remain confidential. It was further decided that The Administrative Review Committee will meet with each person reviewed to deliver a hard copy of the results. Once all individuals reviewed and their supervisors have received copies of the reports, a hard copy of each report and a flash drive with the reports and complete data files will be given to the Faculty Senate President to be placed in Archives. Once an interim Chancellor is named, the Administrative Review Committee will meet with him or her and provide a briefing of the review process and a hard copy of the results for all direct reports reviewed.

Details of the report are available at the following link:

[AdminReview.4.20.17](#)

V. Old Business

-NONE

VI. New Business and Announcements

-NONE

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hale, Secretary