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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
November 10, 2022

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Kate Sheppard at 2:00 pm. Roll was called by Secretary Dave Westenberg. Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Lana Alagha, Venkat Allada, Stuart Baur, Matthew Burmeister, Devin Burns, Jeff Cawlfeld, Alex Chernatynskiy, Amitava Choudhury, Steve Corns, Kathryn C. Dolan, William Fahrenholtz, Mahelet Fikru, Darin Finke, Mark Fitch, Mary Gillis, Michael Gosnell, Sarah Hercula, Kelly Homan, Wenqing Hu, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani for Ali Hurson, Kurt Kosbar, Umit Koylu, K. Krishnamurthy, Alanna Krolikowski, Bih-Ru Lea, Kelly Liu, Ashok Midha, Parthasakha Neogi, Jorge Porcel, Prakash Reddy, Melissa Ringhausen, Paul Rynnion, Chaman Sabharwal, William Schonberg, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani, Jeff Smith, Shoaib Usman, Dan Waddill, Jee Ching Wang, David Westenberg, Daniel Willis, Vincent Yu, Maciej Zawodniok

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting were distributed prior to this meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion passes.

III. President's Report

Dr. Kate Sheppard opened the meeting at 2:10 pm

- Dr. Sheppard asked faculty and staff to provide input for the library by completing the library survey.
- Recommended faculty to apply for the Ombuds position and to contact Dr. Kate Drowne for additional information
- Informed the Senate that SDI digital badges are being developed which can be included in digital signatures, websites, etc. (examples can be seen on the meeting slide deck)
- Informed the Senate that S&T is now a member of the Midwest Alliance for Clean Hydrogen H2 consortium.

IV. Campus Reports

A. Staff Council

- No Report

B. Student Council

Aaron Berkhoff presented on behalf of Student Council. Student Council members are meeting with department chairs to learn more about curriculum changes, lab funding, methods of teaching/assessment

C. Council of Graduate Students

- No report

V. Special Topic-Campus Wellness Initiative

Melissa Ringhausen, Director of Athletics and Recreation provided an update on the state of intercollegiate athletics on campus and reported on the academic and athletic successes of student-athletes. Clarification of potential challenges to success and ways to work through them. See slides for further details.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Campus Curricula

- Dr. Petra DeWitt presented for the Curriculum Committee (CC). The CC met on October 10 and reviewed 10 course change forms (CC forms) and submitted a motion to approve 6 of them.
- The CC moves that Faculty Senate approve the 6 CC forms.
- *Motion passes.*
- Dr. DeWitt presented a motion to change the range of required hours in CEC from 128-132 to 120-130.
- *Motion passes 20-6-6*

B. Committee for Effective Teaching

- Dr. Devin Burns presented on behalf of the Committee for Effective Teaching (CET) and shared information on changes to instructions for open-ended comments to clarify courtesy expectations (see slides for specific wording)
- Shared data on SET scores for recent years including response rates. (see slides for specific numbers)

C. Information Technology & Computing

- Dr. Dave Westenberg presented on behalf of Dr. Dan Stutts. See Personnel committee report for more information on retiree/emeritus access to email
- IT still exploring upcoming transition to Windows 11

D. Personnel

- Dr. Dave Westenberg presented on behalf of the Personnel Committee. Reported on investigation of retiree/emeritus access to email. No significant issues identified.

E. Library and Learning Resources

- Dr. Jorge Porcel reported on behalf of the Library and Learning Resources Committee. Dr. Porcel provided a state of the library report. See slides for specific details

F. Budgetary Affairs

- Dr. Mark Fitch reported on behalf of the Budgetary Affairs Committee.
- In response to a referral, the report focused on the discount rate and its impact on budget. See slides for details.
- Continuing referrals:
 - Report on the “big picture balance sheet”
 - Current and next FY budget

VII. Unfinished Business

- None

VIII. New Business

- None

IX. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.
- Respectfully submitted,
- Dave Westenberg, Secretary