

Faculty Senate Meeting October 18, 2019
Delta Center Room 103

Attendees: Annette Bednar, Sudeepa Bhattacharyya, Robert Bradley, Donna Caldwell, Matthew Carey, Sarah Davidson, Kim Davis, Mary Donaghy, Lillie Fears, Kathryn Flannigan, Amanda Wheeler-Gryffin, Joanna Grymes, Gauri Guha, Hans Hacker, John Hershberger, Sharon James, Cherisse Jones-Branch, Donghoon Kim, Cheryl Knight, Joseph Loar, Bill Maynard, Loretta McGregor, Jeff McLaughlin, Suzanne Melescue, Jie Miao, Paul Minor, Vicent Moreno, Nikesha Nesbitt, Tim Oliver, Arianne Pait, Joseph Richmond, Bill Rowe, Richard Segall, Marcus Tribbett, Wayne Wilkinson

Proxy Attendees: Pamela Lewis Kipkulei (Andrea Brown), Amanda Wheeler-Gryffin (Paul Finnicum), Kim Davis (Annette Hux), Joanna Grymes (Ryan Kelly).

Absentees: Manu Bhandari, Than Boves, Win Bridges, Ross Carroll, Shivan Haran, Matthew Hill, Joseph Loar, Pradeep Mishra, Greg Phillips, Robert Robinette, Paul Sikkell, Wayne Wilkinson, Christine Wright, Karen Yanowitz.

Meeting Called to Order: Loretta McGregor established a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 1504 by Loretta McGregor.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda, with amended change, made by Joanna Grymes, seconded by Cherisse Jones-Branch, motion carried

Approval of October 4, 2019 Minutes

Motion to accept October 4, 2019 minutes made by Joanna Grymes, seconded by Annette Bednar, motion carried.

Updates:

Loretta McGregor thanked senators for comments on the SGOC proposals. When changes are made to the proposals they will be sent back for a reading and then a vote.

Dr. Len Frey was unable to attend today's meeting and sent Mr. David Handwork and Dr. Craig Johnson to provide updates on facilities management, specifically the new 3D Art Center, and parking.

Lori Winn was also unable to attend today's meeting but does plan to attend the November 1, 2019 meeting. Open enrollment information has been sent and Loretta McGregor asked that senators review information before the meeting on November 1, 2019.

Guest Speakers:

Mr. David Handwork, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management

Discussed plans for the Windgate Funded 3-D Arts Facility. The project started in 2018 with a design based on programmatic needs. The planned site, between Quapaw and Driver Streets, was selected due to its proximity to the existing Fine Arts Building. The single family housing that currently exists on Quapaw will be demolished and STAR House will be relocated to Driver

Street. Driver Street will then be re-opened for easier access, and the long term plan is a multi-use trail that extends to the interior of the campus. Mr. Handwork provided slides with architect plans and street designs. The new facility will have a green space that will house a sculpture garden and the building is designed to be aesthetically pleasing. The project is expected to be completed late 2020 or early 2021. The project will not add or eliminate any current parking spaces but they will assess in the future if more visitor parking needs to be added.

Dr. Craig Johnson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Stated that parking services will continue assess parking needs in this area. Discussion continued with concern about oversized vehicles and vehicles with trailers and the problems they create in parking across campus. Dr. Johnson encouraged that when problems like these are identified, parking services should be notified at 2945. There was also concern voiced that the gate on the south lot has been open – Dr. Johnson reported he was unaware of this situation but would check on it.

Strategic Planning

Loretta McGregor reminded Senators that we are in the process of Strategic Planning and urged Senators to be a part of the process. Town Hall Meetings continue to take place on campus, Auditorium Student Union, October 21, 2019 1-2:30 pm students and 3-4:30 pm staff; October 23, 2019 3:30- 5 pm faculty; October 30, 2019 11-1 alumni; and November 6, 2019 make-up session.

Loretta McGregor asked Senators to volunteer for one of the task forces.

Hans Hacker made a motion to request that the Chancellor ask all persons at or above the rank of Assistant Vice Chancellor to return raises they received last year back to the institution. Matthew Carey seconded the motion. A resolution will be created by Hans Hacker and sent to the Senators for a vote. If approved it will be sent to the Chancellor. There was a discussion that centered on “perceived double-standard between cuts and raises”.

Old Business

Faculty Senate Constitution needs to be updated. Loretta McGregor asked for volunteers to serve on this committee.

Adjournment

Motion made by Bill Maynard to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned at 1619.