

**Faculty Senate Meeting January 24, 2020  
Delta Center Room 103**

**Attendees:** Annette Bednar, Manu Bhandari, Sudeepa Bhattacharyya, Than Boves, Robert Bradley, Andrea Brown, Donna Caldwell, Matthew Carey, Ross Carroll, Kim Davis, Mary Donaghy, Lillie Fears, Paul Finnicum, Kathryn Flannigan, Amanda Wheeler-Gryffin, Joanna Grymes, Gauri Guha, Hans Hacker, John Hershberger, Matthew Hill, Annette Hux, Sharon James, Cherisse Jones-Branch, Donghoon Kim, Cheryl Knight, Bill Maynard, Loretta McGregor, Jeff McLaughlin, Suzanne Melescue, Jie Miao, Paul Minor, Vicent Moreno, Joseph Richmond, Robert Robinette, Bill Rowe, Richard Segall, Paul Sikkel, Marcus Tribbett, Christine Wright, Karen Yanowitz.

**Proxy Attendees:** Kim Vickery (Joe Ford) Shelly Gipson (Tim Oliver) Joanna Grymes (Ryan Kelly), Cheryl Knight (Sarah Davidson).

**Absentees:** Win Bridges, Shivan Haran, Joseph Loar, Pradeep Mishra, Nikesha Nesbitt, Arianne Pait, Greg Phillips, Wayne Wilkinson.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Loretta McGregor established a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 1501 by Loretta McGregor.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda, with amended change, made by Andrea Brown, seconded by Paul Sikel, motion carried.

**Approval of December 6, 2019 Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes as amended made by Annette Bednar, seconded by Kathryn Flannigan, motion carried.

**Updates:**

Loretta McGregor reported renovations on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Faculty Club are almost complete. There will be a preview for Faculty Senators on February 21, 2020. The official opening is Monday February 24, 2020, there will be an open house event from 3-5 pm. Once open, faculty will need to ID scan for entrance.

The health center on campus is now being operated by NYIT and has been renamed the NYIT Health Center. Chancellor Damphousse was not available for questions

**Guest Speakers:**

Brad Phelps- Freedom of Information Act and FERPA.

Mr. Phelps stated the language of the Faculty Constitution currently reads that all meetings are open to the public, there is a process to amend the Constitution but Faculty Senate should consider if changes are advisable. Mr. Phelps stated that Faculty Senate is not considered a governing board therefore not held to the same standard in terms of FOIA.

In regard to FERPA, Mr. Phelps reiterated the need for compliance and lack of compliance could result in loss of federal funding for the university. Staff looking at new training opportunities and updates.

Dr Allen Utter- Academic Affairs Update:

1. Dean Searches

Agriculture Department – 15 applicants, in process of narrowing to finalist

Business Department – 32 applicants have been narrowed to 7

Graduate Dean – interviews begin Monday January 27, with open sessions scheduled.

The University also has 5 Chair positions open and 25 faculty positions open.

2. Embassy Suites is now open- departments are encouraged to book rooms for onsite visitors and prospective faculty members. The development for a Hospitality Program is ongoing.

3. An outside consulting group from Penn State has been asked to look at the Faculty Development Center on campus.

4. Academic Budget Committee charged with looking at different levels of career advancement for academic instructors and library faculty

3. Strategic Planning – Executive Council and Steering Committee will meet next week to review Strategic Planning goals 3 and 4. Mid -February the final product will be unveiled.

Portfolio should be ready for Board of Directors meeting March 6, 2020. If the Board approves plan will likely launch in the summer. Any changes to Strategic Plan will have to go through the Shared Governance process

4. Speaking on behalf of the Chancellor – in regard to the minutes from the last Faculty Senate meeting that discussed a masters comprehensive institution versus a R2- Dr Damphousse states ultimately it is the decision of the faculty how we move in terms of research

**Old Business**

1. A Resolution to Revise the University Organizational Structure- open discussion.

Motion to Table Proposal:

11 in favor

27 opposed – motion did not carry

Vote on Proposal:

13 in favor

27 opposed

Resolution failed

2. A Resolution to Designate Fixed Meeting Times for Some Shared Governance and Other Committees- open discussion

Call for the Question to Vote – Marcus Tribbett

Vote on Proposal:

10 in favor

30 opposed

Resolution failed

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Joanna Grymes to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned at 1626.