

Minutes of Meeting

Faculty Affairs Committee

Thursday, Nov 18, 2021 at 12:15 PM

Location: Zoom

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 PM by James Beasley

Members Present: James Beasley (Chair), Suzanne Ehrlich, Hanadi Hamadi (FA VP), Mark Halley, Juliana Leding, Claudia Sealey-Potts, Kristi Sweeney

Members Absent:

Elizabeth Gregg, Jennifer Wesely

Guests:

Georgette Dumont

- **Approval of the Minutes**

- Minutes from October 9, 2021, meeting was moved by Hanadi Hamadi and were approved by the committee with a friendly amendment to add John White as an attendee and remove member names.

- **New Business**

- **Senate Model:** Questions about process of the faculty Senate and who is this submitted plan.
- The committee discussed the transition plan from the old to the new plan and needs an updated plan. There seems to lack a transition plan in place for this delay.
- The committee discussed the timing of the election for senators and the election and nomination timeline for voting for members for the current system.
- The committee discussed the content of the proposal and some key areas of concern.
- The committee discussed forwarding the proposal with a list of concerns or areas of discussion.
- Clearly specify membership within the proposal while other SUS schools do.
- In the vote of no confidence section process and why does it go to all senators for a vote.
- The committee needs clarify AA role and buy-in on FA meetings and AA meetings
- The committee needs to clarify who can serve on committees in the role of chair. Does it need to be a senator or can members of the FA who are interested in this committee and are part of the committee be a chair.
- How are the senator's selection from college be at the departmental level and are representation of who are our representatives?
- Follow up email call for nomination for N&E to ensure open plans are available.
- Motion to send the following questions to the taskforce for changes:

In the timing of the senate model, there doesn't seem to be a contingent plan for elections if the senate model is implemented past Feb 15 (line 83). If there is a delay, does the Task Force have a proposal for a transition?

In the eligibility of senate membership, there seems to be a situation in which the faculty senate could be comprised of all out-of-unit faculty (line 77). Is the task Force concerned about this possibility or have a proposal to address this situation?

In the eligibility of senate membership, there doesn't seem to be a definition of faculty (line 78). While many other SUS senate bylaws define faculty here, is the task force concerned that faculty isn't defined in the bylaws?

In the representation of the senate for the faculty, it seems as if there could be confusion on whom a faculty member should go to out of all their elected senators (line 63). Does the task force have a proposal to communicate to faculty which of their senators they should take concerns to?

In the vote of no-confidence section, it seems as if the senators could put aside the faculty's call for a no-confidence vote (line 586). What is the rationale for a senate vote before going to the faculty for vote?

It seems as if the senate model has the support of Academic Affairs. Are there any sections of the proposed bylaws that do not have the support of Academic Affairs?

A member seconded. 5 voted for and 2 voted against. Motion passes.

- **Open Forum**
 - Non-Member provided feedback on process of moving an action item to committee and how major changes would need to have a second reading, and possibly vetting, depending on the change
- **Potential Future Agenda Items**
 - Next meeting
 - Academic misconduct
 - Future meetings
 - Discuss coordination with RC as they discuss flexible teaching loads
 - Review of FA Committees
 - Continue discussion on policy on academic misconduct
 - Discuss revisions to FAC charge
- **Adjournment & Next Meeting**
 - The meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM.
 - The next meeting will be November Date to be decided at 12:15pm via Zoom.