

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 17, 2009

Present: Bahcall, Bryan, Carell, Dempsey, Dishaw, Gunawardena, Heider, Jones, Kostman, Lattery, Loewenstein, McCann, Meyerson, Mrotek, Neal, Pontynen, Robson, Roth, Saginak, Simmons, Wacholtz, Wurzbach

Absent: Beyer, Garrison, Kaltcheva

Administrative Representative: Lane Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Lynn Freeman

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: David Litman - absent

Guests: Liz Cannon, Travis Swanson (OSA)

### Minutes in Brief

At the November 17, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Senate, reports from SAS and the Provost Administrative Staff (PAS) were presented. The Faculty Senate took up the issue regarding the OSA resolution supporting Gender-Neutral/Family restrooms on our campus. After extensive discussion the Senate voted to endorse the OSA resolution in support of Gender Neutral/Family restrooms with an amendment that the doors be equipped with working security devices. Additionally, the Faculty Senate voted to endorse the OSA resolution supporting the installation of Sharps disposal containers in restrooms with the amendment that those containers be appropriately locked or otherwise secured. The draft policy put forward by UW System regarding the System wide textbook proposal was presented. Extensive discussion and concerns ensued. The Executive Committee was charged with preparing a feedback document that will be presented to the full Senate at a future date for approval prior to the February 2010 deadline. President Robson noted that during the January mandatory furlough day there is a U-Plan supported initiative for use of the student Wellness center, potential educational tours, and community service opportunities. Lastly, President Robson reminded the senators of their obligations and responsibilities to attend meetings and disseminate any information obtained to their constituencies.

President Robson called to order at 3:12 p.m.

### I. State of the University

#### A. Reports

1. SAS (Freeman) – SAS is looking at some personnel policy changes and have Tim Danielson from Human Resources coming into give clarification.
2. OSA (Litman) – absent
3. PAS (Robson) – (1) The COB Dean's Search & the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Support for Inclusivity Search & Screens are continuing. The COB finalist's names have been sent to the Provost; (2) UWO has been granted an Apple Service Center, not only for use with campus computers, but also with personal ones. (3) Inclusive Excellence recommendations for incorporation into the academic component of the key operational plans will be presented at a later date (3) Kerry Huberty has taken Ann Marie Johnson's position in Media Service; (4) The library has acquired Elsevier's Science Direct Database of full text articles in science, social science, and health science from 2006; (5) Lynn Freeman presented the same Suspension Policy as she did at our last Senate meeting.

II. Minutes of November 3, 2009

*MOTION: Moved approval by McCann/Bahcall. Approved.*

III. Old Business

It was noted that the non-medical leave of absence policy will be brought back to the Senate after some looking into the history of efforts to develop retirement transition programs on this campus and to find out whether there are such programs on other campuses.

IV. New Business

A. 1) OSA Gender Neutral Bathroom Proposal

*Motion to endorse the OSA resolution 09-009 in support of Gender Neutral/Family restrooms with the amendment that the doors be equipped with working security devices given by Saginak/Bahcall. Move to approve as amended by Pontynen/Bahcall. Approved*

**FS0910-08 The Faculty Senate approved endorsement of the OSA resolution 09-009 in support of Gender Neutral/Family restrooms with an amendment that the doors be equipped with working security devices.**

2) OSA Sharps Disposal Containers

*Motion to endorse the OSA resolution 09-010 supporting installation of Sharps disposal containers in restrooms by Saginak/Kostman. Move to approve with the amendment that those containers being appropriately locked or otherwise secured by Pontynen/Dishaw. Approved*

**FS0910-09 The Faculty Senate approved endorsement of the OSA resolution 09-010 supporting installation of Sharps disposal containers in restrooms with the amendment that those containers being appropriately locked or otherwise secured.**

B. System Textbook Proposal

After much discussion indicating various concerns about the proposed policy, the Executive Committee was asked to prepare a document incorporating the various concerns and bring it back to the Senate for approval before the February deadline.

V. Items from Members

1. Reminder: U-Plan is promoting community building by offering a variety of options at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, educational bus trips, and opportunities for providing community service for the mandatory furlough day on January 25, 2010. The URL to article with more information is: <http://www.uwosh.edu/news/?p=2332>
2. Reminder: those who need to work on furlough days must have waivers submitted to the Chancellor's office prior to the date.
3. Reminder: if you are unable to attend the faculty senate meetings, you are to let our office know and/send a designee. It is your responsibility as senators to attend meetings and disseminate information to your constituents.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Bill Wacholtz  
Past-president

April Dutschek  
Recorder