

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
September 12, 2017

Present: Angwall, Baltutis, Bentivenga, Clark, Cole, Cortes, Cotti, Dilkes, Edwards, Fuller, Giesler, Jones, Kedrowski, Kostman, Lancaster, Loewenstein, Looker-Koenigs, Mott, Pereksta, Rutz, Saginak, Scofield, Scribner, Sipes, Stuart

Excused: None

Absent: None

Administrative Representative: Provost Koker

Senate of Academic Staff Representative: Lisa Szromba - excused

University Staff Senate Representative: Dana Hartel

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: TBD

Guests: Chancellor Leavitt, Gabriel Loiacono, Ken Price

Minutes in Brief:

At the September 12, 2017 meeting of the Faculty Senate, a representative from the University Staff Senate reported. President Bentivenga reported on the Provost's Administrative Staff and Leadership Council meetings. The minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting and the committee appointments were approved. The Children in the Workplace Policy had some requested revisions. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

President Bentivenga called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

He announced he would like to begin each meeting with a small UWO Historical Fact.

Today's UWO Historical Fact: This is the 146th academic year of the institution. The very first academic year (1871), President Albee personally interviewed all 43 students that were enrolled.

- I. University Update - Chancellor Leavitt – Chancellor Leavitt added to the UWO Historical Fact for the meeting, noting that President Polk was the longest service President, with 28 years of service. Chancellor reported that HLC soon will provide us with a report of their short, two-day visit this summer; He noted that the Campus' Composite Financial Index (CFI) was not where it needs to be. He complimented AVCs, Fletcher, Green, & Koker on their leadership to guide us through this (raising the CFI). The Chancellor fielded questions from Senators.
- II. USP Update - Gabriel Loiacono – Director Loiacono noted that the revisions to Quest II that Faculty Senate approved this past spring, are starting to come into effect now. They have decided to stage an academic open house week, starting February 12th, giving departments a chance to showcase themselves to Quest II students. Suggestions are how to market these open houses, and get good attendance was discussed.
- III. State of the University –
 - A. Senate of Academic Staff – Lisa Szromba - Rep. Szromba – excused, no report.
 - B. University Staff Senate – Dana Hartel – Rep. Hartel reported that at their June 14th meeting: they approved the Workplace Conduct Policy; discussed the proposed Tobacco Free resolution that a student group was steering, but need OSA support of it first; had reported that a two-day visit from HLC would soon take place; and both an Emeritus Policy and Title and Total Compensation Policy are being started for review.
 - C. Oshkosh Student Association – TBD – No report.
- IV. Minutes
 - A. Minutes of May 9, 2017

The May 9, 2017 minutes stand approved as distributed.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

A. Committee appointments:

1. APC Fall 2017 Semester appointment: David Jones
2. Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board: FAPA – Julia Chybowski
3. Assessment Committee: Lori Kroeger
4. Faculty Development Board: CON – Bonnie Schmidt & Bonnie Nickasch
5. *Contingently approved just needs full senate*: IRB: Victoria Beck & Michael Lenza
6. *Contingently approved just needs full senate*: Search & Screen for the Director of Undergraduate Admissions: Denise Robson

MOTION: Moved to approve items 1-6 by Rutz/Scotfield. Passed Unanimously

FS 1718-01 The Faculty Senate approved the following Committee appointments: (1) APC Fall 2017 Semester appointment: David Jones; (2) Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board: FAPA – Julia Chybowski; (3) Assessment Committee: Lori Kroeger; (4) Faculty Development Board: CON – Bonnie Schmidt & Bonnie Nickasch; (5) IRB: Victoria Beck & Michael Lenza; (6) Search & Screen for the Director of Undergraduate Admissions: Denise Robson.

7. APC – Two Senator seats open
Senator Scribner volunteered to serve for one of the Senator Seats.

B. Consensual Relationships Policy – Discussion ensued related to campus procedures to enforce the policy and deal with potential violations.

NO ACTION TAKEN. Current Policy Process will be used to vet and adopt a new Consensual Relationships Policy.

C. Children in the Workplace Policy – Discussion was held that noted the still existing concerns in regards to the management and their responsibilities, revisions will be requested.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

VII. Discussion Items –

- A. DACA Campus Support – President Bentivenga noted that we are in support of this, and would be happy to bring forward for endorsement a resolution of support if anyone would like to draft one. Feel free to contact him with any questions.
- B. COB Post Tenure Review – A newer version of this policy will be distributed to senators electronically, and voted upon at a future meeting.
- C. COLS Post Tenure Review - A newer version of this policy will be distributed to senators electronically, and voted upon at a future meeting.
- D. CON Post Tenure Review - A newer version of this policy will be distributed to senators electronically, and voted upon at a future meeting.

VIII. President's Reports –

- A. Provost's Administrative Staff – The Search & Screen for the AVC for Faculty and Academic Affairs will begin soon; an HLC accreditation report from their two-day visit this summer should be out by November; and CANVAS will be the new D2L, with a target roll-out date of Fall 2019.
- B. Leadership Council –A finance budget, campus financial index, was shared, as well as having System President Ray Cross as a guest at their meeting.

- IX. Committee Reports –
 - A. University Resource Alignment Committee – Senator Loewenstein reported that the committee’s summer working groups are finalizing their recommendations. They plan to make it available to campus this fall, gather feedback, update as necessary, and present their materials to Administration by the end of the spring semester.

- X. Items from Members -
 - A. Senator Fuller expressed some concerns over the lack of consultation or approval process with shared governance for start of the Sustainability Institute. It is understood that authority to do for such things does exist, but to be fair we were informed that transparency and budgetary restraint would be used. Provost Koker assured the senators that these things will be more closely monitored as we gradually move into the new budget model.
 - B. Senator Giesler inquired about the bigger ideas of budget savings such as Interim courses where we appear to be giving credits away. Discussion included both the consideration of charging for Interim, or leveraging the marketing of the “free” credits our students can earn.

- XI. Information Items –
 - A. Program Discontinuation That Leads To Faculty Termination Policy – U.W. System has asked us to develop a policy for this, and we are hoping to have it under way before they give us a deadline. The Tenure Task Force committee has been charged with this. Members of the committee include: Karl Loewenstein, Chris Jones, Christine Roth, Kathleen Corley, John Lemberger, Fredi Giesler, and Merlaine Angwall. President Bentivenga will charge the task force, and will request a draft copy to the Executive Committee by the end of this October.

Motion to adjourn by Senator Sipes/Lancaster at 5:02 pm.

Stephen Bentivenga,
President

April Dutschek,
Recorder