

# Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

**Monday January 22, 2018**

3:30 - 5:00 CH 126

Senators Present: Ahmed, Anderson, Asaduzzaman, Babnich, Bailey, Barut, Brown, Bryant, Bukonda, Castro, Celestin, Close, Cramer, Decker, Dehner, Dowling, Dusenbury, Elder, English, Hull, Jameson, Jarman, Johnson, Myose, Price, Pulaski, Rife, Rokosz, Ross, Schwartz, Shaw, Smith, Smith-Campbell, Solomey, Sternfeld-Dun, Tamtam, Weheba, Willis, Woods, Yao, Yildirim.

## Summary of Action

Voted to move forward with the review of the General Education program.  
Selected Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn and Geri Markova as faculty representatives on the

### **I. Meeting called to Order at 3:30**

### **II. Informal Statements and Proposals**

A question was raised regarding revisions to the policy on teaching evaluations that were passed at end of last year. What is the status? Unknown, but will be looked into.

### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes from December 11 were approved.

### **IV. Senate President's Report**

KBOR Update (Meeting scheduled for 1/17) The Council of Senate Presidents met with the regents and discussed the math pathways initiative that is currently on the KBOR agenda. The focus was on working on ways to further the discussion among faculty and collecting their input. Also talked about OER such as open source textbooks. The executive committee discussed OER and felt it would be worthwhile to consider this initiative for WSU and invite the faculty senate president from KSU give a presentation to our senate. Consider tasking the library committee to look into implementing OER at WSU.

Legislative [Update 1](#) and [Update 2](#) (from Zach Gearhart)

Disability services has installed video cameras in their testing rooms.

[New Tuition Assistance policy](#) to be sent to KBOR for approval. May be useful as a means for offsetting the lack of raises for faculty and staff.

Non-Tenure track promotion: materials due to depts. by March 2; the primary dossier is available on [Academic Affairs webpage](#). Q from floor will there be a meeting to

introduce how the process works? Information has been sent out through the deans offices. Q When following the links, there are only forms and no instructions, are the candidates getting more information at the department level? A Departments are currently forming committees that will be able to provide guidance.

New web page for Faculty Senate Ombudsperson

<http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=ombuds>. Describes roles and function.

nominations of

faculty for distinguished service at university or community level.

## V. Committee Reports

### **Rules Committee:**

number of faculty senators. Senate seats assigned from a ratio of 12:1. LAS Math & Natural Sciences have  $63/12 = 5.2$  faculty. This decreases their number from 6 to 5.

Motion from Rules Committee

**Rules Committee recommends: revising number of faculty senators for LAS Math & Natural Sciences from 6 to 5.**

Bylaw changes Rule Committee

Charges:

1. **Review every three years and** recommend changes to the Senate rules and constitution to the Senate and update the rules and constitution to reflect changes passed by the Senate.
- 2.

the last time Gen Ed was reviewed? A Was reviewed by a task force about 10 years ago and it is evaluated each year and a report is generated by the Gen Ed committee. Recommend that everyone look at the gen ed web page and read the changes that

a four year time span, hence it is some 20 years old with modifications and this seems like an appropriate time to review. The motivating factor is primarily the KBOR cap for 120 credit hours.

Worked with Lutheran outreach center to develop the Fairmount Coffee Company on  
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