

Kentucky State University Faculty Senate Minutes

April 18, 2016

	<u>Senators</u>		<u>Ex Officio Members and Guests Present</u>
	<u>Assefa, Tibebe</u>	<u>BSS</u>	Please print or write clearly. Thanks!!
A	<u>Alhuani, Abdallah</u>	<u>Nursing</u>	
	<u>Amusan, Ibukun</u>	<u>Math & Sciences</u>	Mara Merlino BSS
	<u>Andries, Ken</u>	<u>AFE</u>	Shelia Stuckey, Director Library
	<u>Capriles, Nancy</u>	<u>BSS</u>	Hunt Butler, Music
E	<u>Glass, Cindy</u>	<u>BSS</u>	Lynda Brown-Wright, VPAA
A	<u>Graham, William</u>	<u>Education</u>	
	<u>Griffin, Robert</u>	<u>Fine Arts</u>	
E	<u>Griffis, Bruce</u>	<u>Math & Sciences</u>	
	<u>Gyawali, Buddhi</u>	<u>at-large</u>	
	<u>Kumar, Ashok</u>	<u>at-large</u>	
	<u>Landy, Tucker</u>	<u>Whitney Young</u>	
A	<u>Liu, Zhanping</u>	<u>Computer Science</u>	
	<u>Moffett, Joe</u>	<u>LLP</u>	
A	<u>Ray, Andrew</u>	<u>Aquaculture</u>	
	<u>Ross, Scott</u>	<u>Fine Arts</u>	
	<u>Rye, Reba</u>	<u>at-large</u>	
	<u>Sharma, Rita</u>	<u>Math & Sciences</u>	
	<u>Sipes, Kim</u>	<u>at-large</u>	
	<u>Smith, Peter</u>	<u>LLP</u>	
A	<u>Tope, Avinash</u>	<u>AFE</u>	
	<u>Ulrich, Stephen</u>	<u>PUA,SW,CJ</u>	
	<u>Wang, Changzheng</u>	<u>at-large</u>	
	Representative needed from Nursing		

The thirteenth regularly scheduled meeting of the AY 2015-16 Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:18 pm on Monday, April 18, 2016, Hathaway Hall Room 412. The agenda was approved and Faculty Senate minutes of April 4, 2015 were approved with one friendly amendment.

Academic Policy Committee Report:

FSAPC# 15-16-??, (*Where personnel and resources permit, programs at the university should seek the highest level of accreditation if national standards in the discipline consider accreditation appropriate*), passed unanimously after brief discussion.

APC is still working on details of an Administrative Withdrawal policy of students. Senators provide input and opinions on how the policy will impact other student concerns such as financial aid, how the time frame should work, and percentage determination of absences and non-completion of assignments. Ultimately, will this be for the individual instructors to activate? It was agreed that initial success will depend on systematic education of students, including emphasis in UNV101, advising and syllabi.

The committee continues work on a proposal dealing with how high school dual enrollment grades should count for university enrolled student's GPA. There was support for this being a student decision at time of matriculation.

Professional Concerns Committee Report:

Chair Kumar presented **Action Item FSPC# 15-16-02: Reinstatement of Sick-Leave Bank**. After lengthy discussion no action was taken. The discussion will continue at the final Senate meeting on May 2.

A draft resolution was presented listing various concerns relating to the Board of Regents in opposition the re-election of Board Chair Karen Bearden. Faculty Regent McFayden brought the concerns to the PCC. A Senator objected that this document had not been sent out with the agenda. Chair Kumar responded that it was part of his report as a draft document being considered, and PCC was seeking Senate input and opinion before drafting the final version. Secretary Rye pointed out that any charge/complaint against the Board Chair specifically must be addressed to the Vice-Chair according to policy. A non-Senator who attended the PCC meeting stated that her understanding was they were working on a bulleted list of complaints that would be sent to The Registry. A Senator said that it should go through the Senate anyway and then could be forwarded to The Registry. A Senator said the list was not specific enough, some of it was new information to him that he did not know enough about to make a determination. A non-Senator was of the opinion that the Senate was stepping out of its proper role in challenging the Board. Others disagreed with that opinion. No action was taken.

Curriculum Committee Report:

Chair Andries reported there were no action items. The committee is working on electronic signatures for forms. Thirty items came through the CC this year. The committee sent forward a request for clarification on process for cross-listing of classes. Should that go through advisors to CC or can the Registrar do this? Dr. Brown-Wright said it would be safe to do both.

Budget and Academic Support Committee Report:

Chair Ross reported that the BASC did not have a quorum for the last committee meeting.

Other Business:

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the release by President Smith of votes received in the faculty-wide election for the Distinguished Professor candidates. Dr. Brown-Wright had requested those votes not be released until the final decision is determined by the President and Board of Regents. A Senator said that he thought President Smith should have honored that request and President Smith responded that he sent all certified votes out at once and apologized for inadvertently including the Distinguished Professor vote. There is no written policy specifically prohibiting the release of faculty votes and a Senator said it was an issue of transparency and inquired if there was any reason not to let faculty know of their vote. The initiating Senator said it was a matter of importance to work with the administration and to honor such requests.

A Senator said of more concern was that the names of the candidates were not disseminated to faculty along with their curriculum vitas beforehand. The names and attached vitas were not available for review until such time as a faculty member logged in to vote, with a 15 minute time-limit for the site.

A quorum was lost and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Reba Rye, Faculty Senate Secretary