

# Kentucky State University Faculty Senate Minutes

## August 25, 2017

	<u>SENATORS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Ex Officio Members &amp; Guests</u>
	<u>Amusan, Ibukun</u>	<u>Math &amp; Science</u>	LeChrista Finn
	<u>Andries, Kenneth</u>	<u>AFE</u>	Laurent Vesely
	<u>Desborde, Rene</u>	<u>Business</u>	Debbra Tate
	<u>French, Asha</u>	<u>LLP</u>	Sheila Stuckey
	<u>Gebremedhin, Maheteme</u>	<u>AFE</u>	Sharon McGee
	<u>Gibson, Caroline</u>	<u>Fine Arts</u>	Jennifer Miles
	<u>Gilliam, Erin</u>	<u>BSS</u>	Mara Merlino
	<u>Griffin, Robert</u>	<u>At-Large (FA)</u>	
	<u>Gyawali, Buddhi</u>	<u>AFE</u>	
	<u>Hampton, Dantrea President</u>	<u>Library</u>	
E	<u>Hannemann, Jens</u>	<u>Computer Science</u>	
	<u>Kumar, Vikas</u>	<u>AQU</u>	
	<u>Lu, Li</u>	<u>Math &amp; Science</u>	
	<u>Marraccini, Patti</u>	<u>Nursing</u>	
	<u>McKay, Marlin</u>	<u>Fine Arts</u>	
E	<u>Rajendran, Narayanan</u>	<u>At-Large (MASC)</u>	
E	<u>Ramon, Donavan</u>	<u>Whitney Young</u>	
	<u>Reilly, Wilfred Parliamentarian</u>	<u>BSS</u>	
	<u>Rye, Reba Secretary</u>	<u>At-Large (FA)</u>	
	<u>Sharma, Rita</u>	<u>Math &amp; Science</u>	
	<u>Sipes, Kimberly</u>	<u>At-Large (Business)</u>	
	<u>Smith, Peter Vice-President</u>	<u>LLP</u>	
	<u>Ulrich, Stephen</u>	<u>PUA, Social Work</u>	
	<u>Vacant</u>	<u>Nursing</u>	
	<u>Vedder, Catherine</u>	<u>LLP</u>	
	<u>Walston, Herman</u>	<u>Education</u>	
	<u>Wang, Changzheng</u>	<u>At-Large (AFE)</u>	

The first regularly scheduled meeting of the AY 2017-18 Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:18 pm on Friday, August 25, 2017, Cooperative Extension Room 238. The meeting was changed from Monday August 21 to Friday August 25 due to conflict with the solar eclipse. The agenda was approved.

### **Senate President Report:**

President Hampton reported that Provost/VPAA Thomas and President Brown had been in a meeting since 10:00 and that President Brown is unable to attend Senate meeting today due to a wedding. She did not hear from Dr. Thomas. Neither were in attendance.

President Hampton reported she met briefly with VPAA/Provost Thomas as an introductory welcome.

David Shabazz is at home and recuperating. Joe Moffett is acting Chair of LLP in his absence.

President Hampton said we should strive for "All Things Excellent". She reported that Senator Rye brought to her attention that area coordinators do not have contracts but are currently performing their duties. President Hampton sent a message to Dr. Thomas requesting to speak with her about this and other issues.

There was discussion about the status of Tenure and Promotion and unit reviews but there is no definitive information.

President Hampton suggested that Senate officers should consider recusing themselves from committee chair positions in order to have more senators on the Executive Committee, resulting in more unit diversity. While there is no policy in prohibition of this, she suggested that PCC take this issue up for discussion. Also, it had been pointed out to her that traditionally senate presidents chose to not be assigned to a specific committee in order to be available as an ex-officio member of all committees. However, she pointed out that current policy does not actually prohibit the Senate President serving on one of the four standing committees.

FY17 Senate President Kim Sipes suggested the ad hoc committee established in the spring to review the Senate Bylaws and Constitution be used to review and revise policies since PCC has a lot of work to do this year already.

President Hampton reported that administration and board will probably revisit the dean structure. She said that she supports the dean model and that President Brown does as well.

Erin Gilliam and Asha French volunteered to serve on the standing university Election Committee.

Wilfred Reilly is currently faculty representative on the All University Court, Shannon Brogan has expressed willingness to serve, and Sharon McGee volunteered. This fills the faculty positions.

Senate has a vacancy in nursing representation. All nursing faculty, except current Senator Patti Marraccini, are either first year employees or in visiting positions. An alternative process for naming a representative for nursing will be investigated.

### **Ad Hoc Committee on Resolutions:**

As Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Resolutions, charged by the FY17 Faculty Senate, Senator Rye presented the committee's report and highlighted some of the findings. The committee found that

most of the problematic issues, as identified in the resolution documents of all parties, resulted from non-adherence to policy. Another concern identified by all is the need to increase funding percentages for instruction. She encouraged all senators, faculty, staff and administrators to read the complete report, with supporting documentation and attachments. The committee worked with the full consensus model and made recommendations to address the issues when appropriate. A Senator inquired how this report will be used, to whom it is presented, and its status regarding recommendations. Chair Rye replied the committee was charged by the FY17 Senate, worked on it over the summer, and is now presenting it to the university community and the FY18 Senate. FY17 Senate President Kim Sipes clarified that the committee was established with the mission to combine all of the various 'resolution' documents from last year (Faculty Senate, Dr. Cary Nelson, Dr. Mary Pat Wohlford and the Faculty Caucus of Color) and create a combined document for presentation to the KSU Board of Regents. A motion was made, seconded and approved to extend time one minute for completion of the report. (See full report, with attachments, as distributed by President Hampton with the meeting announcement and agenda for this meeting)

#### **AAUP: (American Association of University Professors)**

Dr. Shelton reported that a KSU AAUP Chapter has been formed and approved with AAUP's verification of nine individual campus members (requisite minimum seven). A Senator inquired when there will be an organizational meeting and election of officers. Dr. Shelton replied that in order to obtain a charter the group of individual members had to turn in the names of officers and that he is listed as President. Some of the officers have left the university, or their position, and replacements will need to be elected. He encouraged membership and twelve faculty signed a survey of interest. Discussion ensued of the benefits of a KSU AAUP Chapter; such as legal advice, policy opinions, training for budget committee members, review of faculty handbook, and connection with professional colleagues and other chapters.

#### **Faculty Regent Report:**

Faculty Regent Elgie McFayden was not present.

#### **Other Business and Announcements:**

There was discussion regarding where Senate should meet, but no decision was made.

Any curriculum action items must be presented to the Curriculum Committee by the first Monday in October in order to be implemented in for the Spring Semester 2018.

Jennifer Miles reported that the certification deadline for faculty who want to teach online courses for Spring 2018 is October 31<sup>st</sup>. There was extensive conversation about the status of policy stating that traditional first time freshmen cannot be enrolled in on-line courses. It was pointed out that this policy is not consistently applied due to advising variances and until there is software in place to monitor enrollment this will continue to be the case.

Senators discussed the Board of Regents approval of policy to require their approval on all policy changes, as requested by former President Burse. It has been problematic that policies have been approved all the way to the President's office but never taken to the Board. There was a contention that the freshman on-line policy was never approved by the Board of Regents and is, therefore, not legitimate policy. Ms. Miles said this is possibly a question for Faculty Regent McFayden.

Discussion continued after a five-minute time extension.

Student printing issues were discussed and faculty were instructed to send students to Deloris Smith ASB 316 until this problem is sorted out.

Senate adjourned to committees at 4:23 pm for election of officers.

Minutes Submitted by: Reba Rye, Faculty Senate Secretary