

MINUTES

March 31, 2014

4:00 PM

University Faculty Senate

Shawnee State University

Call to Order

UFS President Andrew Feight called the meeting to order at 4pm.

Roll Call

Secretary Janet Holtman announced that she had recorded attendance (as follows):

Present: Jon Bedick, Isabel Graziani, Catherine Bailey, Tony Ward, Jeradi Cohen, Nick Meriwether, Patric Leedom, Adam Miller, Nancy Bentley, Virginia Pinson, Keenan Perry, John Huston, Jim Miller, Krista Maxson, Linda Hunt, Glenna Heckler-Todt.

Absent: None.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were corrected (the vote for GEAC was 5-3-2) and approved by acclamation.

UFS Officer Reports

President's Report: UFS President Andrew Feight called for a review of the agenda, which was approved by acclamation, and opened with some remarks about the SSU Graduation Completion Plan, encouraging faculty members to make comments on the website. University President Rita Morris also volunteered a clarification about the plan (that adopting the plan does not mean adopting policy).

UFS President Feight then discussed the manner in which shared governance issues are being addressed by the Ohio Faculty Council, including their recommendations for standing committees to recommend on budget and fiscal matters. He then reported on consideration of the draft resolution on Ohio 484 re: faculty workloads. The bill would require state universities to review workloads and calls for an arbitrary, across-the-board 10% increase. President Feight suggested that this may indeed pass, but that the IUC does not support it. It may end up being a review of workloads only. SEA President Chip Poirot has consulted with the UFS Executive Committee on the resolution.

The last full meeting of the faculty senate will be April 28th, at which time department bylaws and EPCC items, among other things, will be discussed.

Treasurer's Report: UFS Treasurer Jim Reneau reported a balance of \$1,808.00 and distributed a handout detailing the budget and expenditures, which was accepted by acclamation (included).

Administration Reports

University President's Report: University President Rita Morris addressed the Faculty Senate regarding several topics, including her meeting with the UFS Executive Committee and the issues of shared governance raised at that time. She suggested that shared governance at SSU is a "work in progress" and that transparency has been increased. She also stressed a continued willingness to meet with the UFS Executive and Budget Committees. President Morris specifically mentioned meeting with Gene Burns and the fact that she had gone back to the Board with a revised budget plan. She noted that the funding formula and enrollment environment have changed and that we can no longer rely on reserves as we have done in the past. The FY16 funding formula guarantees a loss of \$1 million. This makes department efficiencies very important.

The University President also stressed that the Faculty Senate needs to offer a voice to the legislature on the workload issue. She further discussed the breakdown of workload, remarking that service has been taken out of consideration, and she expressed concern about a blanket increase that does not take institutional differences into account.

Dean of College of Professional Studies Report: Dean Paul Madden brought up the Associate Provost Search and reported that the committee has screened the original 38 applications to arrive at 10 finalists for telephone interviews. The committee will meet again to determine a 2nd round of interviews and bring candidates to campus the week of the 21st.

The Dean spoke at length and fielded some questions about Academic Planner, including mentions that the sequencing of courses being integrated with the catalog, that advising notes will appear in the system, that advisors will have more data, and that work is ongoing with calendar synchronization and training.

Dean Madden then discussed the Mission Committee that this working on a mission statement, the Admission/Retention Committee and strategic recruitment plan, the Promotion and Tenure Criteria Committee that will ensure that departmental differences are taken into account while ensuring some uniformity in the promotion and tenure process, and workforce and economic development as an ongoing process.

Dean of University College Report: Dean Brenda Haas reported on the search committee to find a replacement for the Secretary to the Provost Kris Liles, thanked the

faculty for the success of Jobs Fest, praised Nikki Karabinas for her efforts, and reported that she had attended a conference with Dean Madden.

Announcements from the Senate Floor

John Huston noted the successful run of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Executive Committee: President Drew Feight reported on the appointment of the Election Committee, consisting of Tony Ward, Janet Holtman, and Debra Scurlock and noted that the first call for nominations had gone out. President Feight further noted that the Executive Committee had unanimously approved an Ad Hoc Committee on Budget Priorities and the Resolution on HB 484 and Faculty Workloads.

Resources Committee: Gene Burns reported on various meetings and actions underway, including budget cuts numbers that have been altered. The current figure is \$500,000.00 in cuts to Academic Affairs. As a result of recent meetings with administration, the Resources Committee will be more involved in the setting of priorities and making of recommendations and will not merely be presented with information. Chairman Burns expressed concern that the numbers under consideration have been “manipulated” in such a way as to be misleading, including, for instance “new needs” that actually do not represent new items but established costs re-labeled or re-categorized. He expressed support for a committee on budget priorities and noted that the next meeting of the committee would be April 1st at 3:30.

Enrollment Management and Student Life: Marc Scott spoke about two meetings in April that will address marketing and recruitment, options for students not admitted to selective programs.

General Education Advisory Committee: Phil Blau reported that the last meeting of the committee addressed Essential Learning Outcomes and a science course proposal. The GEP Action Team hopes to have 2 more forums (CPS and CAS) to get feedback on the draft during April. A draft of ELOs will be distributed to faculty.

Research and Scholarly Affairs Committee: Jim Miller reported that the Distinguished Teaching Award will be announced soon.

Honors Program Council: Rhoni Maxwell-Rader spoke about her resignation as Honors Program Director as a response to budget cuts and suggested her willingness to help with the transition to a new director.

New Business

- A. Motion to Appoint Ad Hoc Committee on Budget Priorities: Passed unanimously. This will create a committee whose charge would be to act as liaison between the administration and the Executive Committee on budget

matters and report to the Faculty Senate in September with an amendment to the constitution for a new standing committee on budget priorities. Committee will include Kyle Vick, Jim Reneau, and a member from each college, along with UFS President Feight, Resource Committee Chair Gene Burns, and SEA President Chip Poirot.

B. Motion to Amend UFS Course Policy 01-2013: Passed.

C. Resolution on Ohio HB 484 and Faculty Workloads: Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

**Shawnee State University
University Faculty Senate
Treasurer's Report**

As Of: 2014-03-31
Budget Period: 2013-14

Object	Description	FY Budget	Expenses	Budget Balance	Expended %
5500	Regular Student Empl				
5853	Workers Compensation				
6210	Travel		646	-646	
6211	Meals / Same Day Travel		56	-56	
6260	Entertainment				
6350	Printing & Binding		34	-34	
6360	Purchased Publications		246	-246	
6790	Miscellaneous Expense	2,850		2,850	
9999	Unallocated				
Total		2,850	982	1,868	34.46%

Notes:

Respectfully Submitted
James M. Reneau – Treasurer UFS