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Faculty Senate Agenda

November 18, 2019

2:45 p.m. Sam Wilson Hall room 230

1. Celebrations
2. Introductions of Guests
3. Announcements
4. Approval of minutes from November 4, 2019
5. Information item(s)
 - a. College Elections – Dr. MacGarry / Dr. Epps
 - b. Handbook Committee update – Dr. Epps
 - c. Board of Trustees report – Dr. Foley
 - d. Faculty Sub Council Collaborative report – Mr. Hemphill
 - e. Working Groups Report – Work Group Chair
 - Administrative Review – Dr. O’Neil
 - Shared Governance – Dr. Lyons
 - Campus Communications – Dr. Garris
 - Faculty Safety and Planning – Dr. Pealer
6. Action Item(s)
 - a. Committee on Committees – Dr. Epps
 - b. Motion (Information): The Faculty Senate Constitution be amended to include only the current Preamble and Articles I, II, and VII
7. New Business
8. Old Business
10. Comments from guests
11. Adjourn

Called Executive Committee meeting following Faculty Senate meeting 11/18/2019

Next meeting: December 2, 2019 November 25, 2019 – Executive Committee Meeting



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Meeting Date:	11/18/19	Time:	14:45 – 16:30	Location:	Sam Wilson Hall room 230
Next Meeting:	12/01/19	Scribe:			Eric Sellers
Present:	Alexander, Katelyn; Alsop, Fred; Blackhart, Ginette; Brown, Patrick; Burford, Mike; Chen, Yi-Yang; Cherry, Donna; Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Dorothy; Dunn, Andrew; Emma, Todd; Epps, Susan; Evanshen, Pam; Flora, Bill; Foley, Virginia; Fraysier, Donna; Garris, Bill; Gray, Jeffrey; Hemphill, Bill; Hemphill, Jean; Hendrix, Stephen; Holmes, Alan; Johnson, Mikki; Johnson, Michelle; Kim, Sookhyn; Livingston, James; Lyons, Renee; Mackara, Fred; Marek, Greta; McGarry, Theresa; Oh, Sunny; O'Neil, Kason; Owens, Bea; Peterson, Jonathan; Ramsey, Priscilla; Ransom, Mark; Sargsyan, Alex; Sarkodie, Olga; Sellers, Eric; Sergiadis, Ashley; Smith, Samuel; Stone, William; Taylor, Teresa Brooks; Trogen, Paul;				
Absent:	Collins, Charles				
Excused:	Anand, Rajani; Burns, Bracken; Byington, Randy; Ellis, Jon; Hagemeyer, Nick; Kostrzewa, Richard; Olson, Nate; Pealer, Jennifer; Silver, Ken; Walden, Rachel				

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order

1. Celebrations

2. Introductions

3. Announcements

4. Approval of Minutes

5. Informational Items

6. Action Items

7. New Business

8. Old Business

9. Comments from Guests

10. Adjourn

DISCUSSIONS

1. Celebrations

1.1 **Epps** thanked Senate members who were guests in President's suite at the football game on Saturday for attending.

2. Introductions

2.1 Anes Karic and Christie Monahan, fourth year pharmacy students, attending the meeting.

3. Announcements

3.1 **Garris** announced that the communications working group has put together a survey for the senate to pilot and asked that senators complete the survey and provide feedback about the questions on the survey.

4. Approval of Minutes



DISCUSSIONS

Flora questioned whether there was an objection to approving the minutes from the 11/4/19 meeting.

No Objection: Minutes Approved

5. Informational Items

5.1 College Elections – Dr. McGarry / Dr. Epps

McGarry noted that in some colleges candidates are being elected to the Faculty Senate without their knowledge. It is important for the senators in each college to communicate with colleagues to ensure that they're not put on ballots without their knowledge, and that faculty elected to the Senate are informed of their election promptly. **Sellers** added that the COM has several vacancies.

5.2 Handbook Committee update – Dr. Epps

No report.

5.3 Board of Trustees report – Dr. Foley

Foley noted that edits to the budget and tenure approvals were the only action items. Foley also encouraged senators to read the agenda and minutes and to forward her questions that senators would like to have answered by the Board.

5.4 Faculty Sub Council Collaborative report – Mr. Hemphill

No report.

5.5 Working Groups Report – Work Group Chair

5.5.1 Administrative Review

O'Neil noted that he met with Garris to determine if merging their respective surveys would be possible and they determined that it would not be feasible. The Administrative Review survey will be presented to the full Senate at an upcoming meeting.

5.5.2 Shared Governance

Lyons noted that they are analyzing their survey data and will have a report at an upcoming meeting.

5.5.3 Campus Communication

No report.

5.5.4 Faculty Safety and Planning

No report.

6. Action Items

7.1 Committee on Committees – Dr. Epps

No report.

7.2 Motion from Brown: The Faculty Senate Constitution be amended to include only the current Preamble and Articles I, II, and VII. Second: Epps.



DISCUSSIONS

Discussion

7.2.1 **Flora** suggested that edits to the document be held until the motion has been voted on.

7.2.2 **McGarry** suggested that Article VI, which states how many meetings the body will have, remain in the constitution. **Lyons** suggested that removing articles III, V, and VIII would water down the constitution and they should not be removed. **Hemphill** noted that anything operational that will be removed from the constitution will be moved to the by-laws and the faculty as a whole do not care about the constitution as evidenced by the number of votes received. He suggested that major changes could require a super-majority of the senate vote to pass. **Brown** and **Epps** agreed with Hemphill. **Lyons** disagreed and stated that a Constitution is the Rule of Law for any governing body. By-laws are what follows from a Constitution and might be compared to the Code of Federal Regulations. Constitutional law provides a more stable legal impact than regulatory law..

7.2.3 **McGarry** motioned to amend the motion on the table to include Article VI, Trogen seconded.

Discussion

7.2.3.1 **Garris** questions what are the consequences if we are out of line with our constitution. **Alexander** questioned whether we ever adjust our schedule.

Motion carried.

7.2.4 **Lyons** motioned that the following sections remain in the constitution: I, II, III, IV, VI, and VII, Stone seconded.

Discussion

7.2.4.1 **Peterson** questioned whether we can vote to remove each item in turn. **Brown** responded that we cannot split the motion into individual articles. **Epps** said all would be in the by-laws. [**Lyons** started to say something in response to Epps; however, **Brown** called a Point of Order, to allow others to respond prior to Lyons taking the floor for a subsequent turn to speak..]

Motion did not carry.

7.3 **Back to original motion with the addition of Article VI [as McGarry's previous motion carried]. The constitution will become the preamble and Articles I, II, VI, and VII.**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

7. New Business

7.1 **Drinkard-Hawkshawe** announced that the History Department met to discuss the General Education proposal that HIST 2010 and HIST 2020 not be required as part of the general education curriculum. The department voted unanimously that both courses should be required as part of the general education curriculum. Drinkard-Hawkshawe is seeking the support of Faculty Senate in their decision. She further suggested that U.S. History is very important for all of us to allow us to know who we are and where we come from. From personal experience, students do not know basic US history and we must teach them in order for them to be great leaders.

7.2 **Emma** reminded the body that the Fitness for Duty policy is open for comment; please take time to look at the policy and respond as appropriate.

8. Old Business

8.1 **Mackara** questioned whether the ad-hoc committee to examine changing the first two years grades to pass/fail has made progress. **Brown** replied that the committee has not been convened.

9. Comments from Guests



DISCUSSIONS

No comments.

10. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Brown
Second: Hendrix
Meeting Adjourned

Please notify Senator Eric Sellers (sellers@etsu.edu or 9-4476, Faculty Senate Secretary, 2019-2020) of any changes or corrections to the minutes.