

**Faculty Senate
McCormick Room, Collins Library
Minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting**

Senate Members Present

Kris Bartanen, Bill Beardsley, Derek Buescher, Rachel DeMotts, Andrew Gardner, Bill Haltom, Nakisha Renee Jones, Brendan Lanctot, Mike Segawa, Shirley Skeel, Jonathan Stockdale, Ariela Tubert, Jennifer Utrata, John Wesley.

Tubert called the meeting to order at 4:02.

Announcements

Skeel reported on the Conference on Student Suicide Prevention now underway on campus.

Tubert reminded the Senate of the upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting. Faculty representatives serving on Board committees will report next week.

M/S/P Approval of minutes from September 21, 2015 as revised.

ASUPS Report

Jones reported that 1) The ASUPS Finance Committee will meet this evening and that committee members look forward to working with UEC; 2) Elections packets are ready to be distributed in advance of ASUPS Senate Elections; and 3) She has invited members of the ASUPS executive committee to attend the Board of Trustees meeting with her.

Staff Senate

There was no report.

Faculty Senate discussion of LMIS draft charges

Utrata presented draft charges to the LMIS Committee for Senate approval. Discussion focused on issues of wording.

M/S/P to accept the revised charges to the LMIS Committee

**Library, Media, and Information Services (LMIS) Committee
2015-16 Charges**

1. Work with Institutional Research (IR) and Technology Services (TS) to develop policies concerning the appropriate use of institutional data on campus.

Rationale: LMIS asked to be issued this charge in its year-end report.

2. Develop a preservation strategy for digital archives of faculty research.

Rationale: LMIS addressed this issue only briefly concerning “university documents” generally. The committee had focused on mainly on a separate charge regarding the “ways in which our research collections and space might evolve to meet student and faculty needs” (see year-end report). Focusing on faculty research exclusively might prove more feasible, and a preservation strategy in this area might provide a template for the archiving of other documentation.

3. Continue to support initiatives to raise awareness and use of the Archives and Special Collections.

Rationale: LMIS did not discuss this charge in 2014-2015.

4. Discuss ways in which LMIS can support collaborative activities on campus such as NW5C digital humanities projects.

Rationale: LMIS did not discuss this charge in 2014-2015.

Faculty Senate discussion of Student Life Committee draft charges

Beardsley presented draft charges to the Student Life Committee for Senate approval. Discussion focused initially on the ‘motion’ contained in the SLC 2015 year-end report regarding suggested changes to Committee operating procedures. The suggested procedural charges were deemed to be appropriate and, as they pertain to internal committee procedures, within the authority of the Committee. They do not need Senate approval. One proposed charge asks the Committee to continue this work and monitor the effectiveness of the suggested changes.

Discussion of the proposed charges focused again on issues of wording, both in the charge and the accompanying rationale.

Buescher suggested that a second charge be added, and the Senate formulated a new charge and made a suggestion concerning its rationale.

Discussion of a possible third charge concerning the issue of freedom of expression was postponed.

M/S/P to accept the revised charges to the SLC.

Senate Charges to the Student Life Committee

1. Continue to review and revise as the Committee wishes its procedures, particularly as they pertain to the liaison and board staffing responsibilities of Committee members. Monitor the effect of these revisions, particularly with regard to issues of workload and work distribution. Assess future staffing and support needs.

Rationale:

The SLC has done much productive work in rethinking and revising its internal operating procedures. The Senate recognizes the Committee's authority to make such changes and encourages it to continue with this process and to monitor the effectiveness of any changes.

2. Examine the advisability of Student Life Committee members serving in additional co-curricular service assignments (such as advisor to KUPS, the Union Board, etc.).

Rationale:

The model developed by the SLC might be extended to provide additional faculty support of student organizations. The Senate urges the Committee to consider the advisability of such an extension.

Other Business

A Common Hour

Buescher and Gardner reported on their meeting with Kukreja and Tomhave. The meeting involved brainstorming concerning what was termed a "soft common hour" which might be implemented with only minimal changes to the current schedule system or, at least, could be implemented without a vast reworking of the current system. The suggestion that the Senate postpone any further action until Kukreja and Tomhave has developed specific suggestions concerning the implementation of a "soft common hour." Discussion focused on the appropriate next steps and members appeared to agree that further action be postponed pending a report from Kukreja and Tomhave.

Freedom of Expression

Discussion returned again to the pending charges to SLC, PSC, and COD on this matter. DeMotts' proposed charge, as revised by Haltom, was discussed.

M/S/P to extend the meeting five minutes beyond 5:30.

M to adjourn. No second.

M/S/P to accept the revised charge to the Committee on Diversity.

Charge to CoD:

Work with PSC, BHERT, and the SLC to identify conflicts, if there are any, between the Faculty Code and the Response Protocol to Incidents of Bias or Hate.

Rationale: Discussion arose last year to check if conflict between academic freedom as defined in various university documents and rights of members of the university community.

Parallel changes to SLC and PSC are still pending.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Minutes prepared by William Beardsley.

Respectfully submitted,

John Wesley, Secretary of the Faculty Senate