

DRAFT Faculty Senate Minutes

January 20, 2016

3-5 p.m., 310A Student Center

CONVENED at 3:10 pm

Attendees: Baier, Renee Lajiness-O'Neill, Pancioli, Francis, Koehn, Kullberg, Barton, Neufeld, McTague, Higbee, Peters, Carpenter, Eisenbach, Rahman, Taut, McVey, Faust, Willis, Trewn, Quiel, Foster, Hayworth, Smith, Brewer, Banerji, Orfgen, Orrange, Evett, Moore, Chou, Curran, Millán.

Guests: Interim Provost Rhonda Longworth, Susan Moeller & Robert Jones (AAUP)

Faculty Senate GA: Reginald Hammond

FS President's statement

We again find ourselves in a situation of flux, departure of interim president Schatzel, now we have interim provost Longworth and interim president Loppnow. Underscores that the faculty remains the heart of the University. JK will work hard to get faculty involvement in academic mission of the university. Wants to work closely with Loppnow and Longworth. Expresses thanks and appreciation to Sandy Norton for her contributions to Faculty Senate and the university. Please sign a card and messages for her as it's passed around.

Approve agenda

discussion (change)— would body consider moving these EAA items to top of agenda, seconded, moved to 3a — approved change
agenda approved — 3:14 pm

Approve [December 2 meeting minutes](#) — moved

discussion — include Dan Foster (MUSC) in attendance, remove comma btw. Higbee and McVey
approved — 3:15 pm

BOR/EAA — see email reviews of situation from JK on latest developments since [Dec 5, 2015](#)

votes of no confidence and censure of Michael Morris are being discussed
support for these motions have been received from all colleges/library except COB

MOTION, re: vote of no confidence letter on BOR: Barton: "I move a vote of support for the no confidence votes on the BOR"

No further discussion
UNANIMOUS passing by voice vote

Motion of censure on Morris

MOTION: A member moved to support the motion of censure of Mike Morris

Discussion: what is conflict of interest with Morris? A: he is on both EAA and BOR. Also Morris stated publicly that student and faculty opinions didn't matter, which indicated that the interests of EMU secondary to Morris's role of the board of the EAA. Another member commented that it is Morris's statements that that precipitated the censure motion. Morris is the spokesperson for the Board, and the only member to have discussed the Board's position on the EAA.

Motion PASSED with 1 abstention

MOTION from the Executive Board to introduce a Resolution of No Confidence for the first reading

Discussion and editing period — various suggestions were made and typographical errors noted. Authors of the motion will include these suggestions in the revision.

In addition to the resolution of no confidence, the Executive Board is considering a motion of Censure of Morris. Is there support for such a resolution of censure? One member suggested that perhaps the Senate should be discussing a resolution on resignation which could be entertained at a later time, perhaps after the [Feb. 5 BOR](#) meeting.

Academic Issues

Longworth: GenEd issues and updates —

GenEd Advisory Cmte. (GEAC) will take the GenEd Review Committee's report and generate its own report. They have already started this process. Longworth will bring the report and any recommendations to the Senate by the end of Winter semester.

A member raised the question as to how the GEAC chosen. Senate appoints reps to GEAC — 3 year staggered appointments. Vetting Cmte., Advisory Cmte., Assessment.

Longworth: Several members asked about final exam schedule for Winter 2016. If you have [Friday](#) only there has been an update made to have instructors make a choice on meeting date, if an extra is needed. This was to accommodate a 4-day exam schedule. Due to many problems with the 4-day exam schedule, Longworth and the committee have decided to return to a 5-day schedule in September 2016.

A representative responded to this announcement by saying "thanks for listening to the faculty."

Global Engagement Council — selection of SIO (senior international officer) will commence. A committee has been chosen and Susann deVries (Library) will chair the committee. Rhonda Longworth will send the members the list.

Budget Committee

The committee is organizing its work in thematic ideas, starting with faculty numbers. It is looking at percentage of courses of each faculty member at each level (undergrad, grad). It has also begun examining summer semesters and how budgeting is being done in the summer. Last summer, \$18M in summer revenue (May-August); 9 to faculty, and \$9M to address shortfalls. There are reports of current budget shortfalls and how to handle them, and the committee will consider this situation as well. Finally, the committee is drafting a budget glossary — working on terminology so we all understand the same words!

Faculty Hires Committee

No report

Ad-hoc By-Laws Committee

Committee report and actions

- major change: Graduate Council addition

- major change: election of FS president by cross campus election

Election of President in By-Laws

- Issue: [July 1](#) v. May 1 assuming of office

- Comment: it used to be April, but they moved it recently to [July 1](#) to coincide with fiscal year.

- Motion that we move it to Sept. 1 — Compromise - on Sept. 1, which allows some planning over the summer for both

- PASSED — revised to state [September 1](#)

Having meetings with Admin — Pres. will have VP or another Exec Board member present for meetings with Provost, etc.

Changes in Executive Board, Standing Cmtes. (see p. 6) of new By-laws document.
some structural changes — standing committees and “other committees”

PROXY VOTING — added to the draft by-laws [Jan 20](#)

- Must be majority of members in a quorum.

- Senator may assign proxy to another member of the Senate, Senator may assign proxy to a member of the Senate, may not hold more than one proxy

- Comment: concerned that a small group (even though majority of quorum) can voice a resolution that might not represent the voice of the Senate — could be the 1/4 of FS and not adequately represent

Comment: PROBLEM — proxy voting has been happening in the Senate without it being defined in the by-laws

Comment: — we have allowed proxy voting when people did attend and were here but had to leave when there is a vote going on at ends of meetings

Comment: basically opposed — you could create your vote before hearing all the issues, not good process

BUT, re: the quorum idea could work better since we could get better representation

Comment: voting means “informed” really — we wouldn’t want anyone showing up without full information

Comment — let’s think more about technology and how this could work using virtual means?

Comment: summary

Comment — what I’ve heard is that we’ve been violating our own “no proxy” voting.

MOTION: retain original language that eliminates proxy voting — PASSED unanimously

MOTION: move that a quorum represents 2/3 of Senate members and motions can pass with majority of those present — 2nd — paper ballot – PASSED 19-10-0

Standing & Other Committees

(Other committees) trying to increase expertise so we can call upon for committees so that they’re not forced to come from the Senate itself

All standing cmte. chairs must be Senate members

Grad Council membership based on the contract language

The chairs of the standing committees are Senate members nominated each ... [see text of By-Laws]

“confirmed” rather than “ratified”

Re: Para. V-a.-2 — we need to spell out who can actually be eligible to be FS president. — discussion of “faculty member of the bargaining unit.” – that terminology will be written into the By-Laws.

MOTION: to approve the amended By-Laws, — 2nd — paper ballot
PASSED 26-2-0

Approve chair of Graduate Council — Peter Higgins

APPROVED — almost unanimous, 2 no votes

ADJOURNED: 5:05pm