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of the Meeting of September 13, 2010

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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
AGENDA

MEETING NOTICE

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ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. Call of the Meeting to Order

II. Introduction of new Senators

III. Informal Statements and Proposals

IV. Approval of the Minutes:
Minutes of the meeting May 10, 2010 -- Minutes of the Meeting May 10, 2010
Minutes of the Election meeting of May 10, 2010 -- Election Meeting of the 2010 - 2011 Faculty Senate
Special meeting on Program Discontinuance (2009-2010 senate) of May 17, 2010 -- Minutes of the Meeting May 17, 2010

IV. President's Report:

V. Committee Reports:
A. Rules committee – Steven Skinner, Chair

VI. Old Business: none

VII. New Business
A. Report by Gary L. Miller, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research
B. Report by Richard Muma, Department of Public Health Sciences, on Community Health Charities
C. Request for a Senate endorsement for a proposal to alter the academic calendar and reduce the number of instructional days from 75 to 73(1st reading)
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Bill Wynne is recommending that we reduce the number of teaching days in the academic calendar from the current 75 to 73 beginning with the next academic year, AY 11/12. Doing so requires a change by the Kansas Board of Regents. A Senate endorsement will strengthen the presentation to the Board.

The change offers the following advantages:

1) The fall semester would begin on a Monday as opposed to a Thursday without altering the final exam schedule that runs for a week, Monday-Friday. This would also allow the fall pre-session classes to begin a week after summer classes end, rather than the next business day. Starting classes on a Thursday has always been awkward.

2) The spring semester would finish in time for the final exam schedule to run Monday-Friday and conclude before commencement. Currently, there are final exams after commencement, which has always been a frustration for both faculty and students.

3) The earlier spring conclusion would benefit the Office of Residential Life by enabling them to clear out the dorms on the Sunday following commencement as opposed to a mid-week clear-out necessitated by the current schedule. Evidently this will yield significant financial benefits.
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES of the meeting Monday September 13, 2010


MEMBERS ABSENT: Adler, Kreinath, Matveyeva, Taher, Yeager

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bennett, Bryant, Lewis-Moss

ExOfficio: Miller, Pickus

SUMMARY OF ACTION:
1. 1st reading of the proposed revisions to the Academic Calendar
2. Accepted the nomination of Silvia Carruthers to be Fine Arts representative on the Planning & Budget committee
3. Accepted the nomination of Jeff Hershfield to be LAS Humanities representative on the General Education committee

I. Call the meeting to order: President Hemans called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. He introduced the new members of the senate – Senators Adler, Barut, DiLollo, d'Souza and Matveyeva.

II. Informal Statements and Proposals:
Senator Hershfield informed the Senate of the recent death of Craig Miner, Distinguished Professor of Business and History. Senator Klunder informed the Senate of the recent death of Diane Huntley, Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene. Senator Moore-Jansen informed the Senate of the death of Lowell Holmes, founder of the WSU Anthropology Department. Information about memorials was not yet available.

III. Approval of the Minutes:
The minutes of the 2009-10 senate meetings May 10 and May 17, 2010, were accepted. The minutes of the election meeting for the 2010-11 Senate were accepted.

IV. President's Report:
A. President Hemans acknowledged Bobbi Dreiling’s work on the new Senate website and indicated that announcements of upcoming committee meetings and activities would be posted on the website.
B. President Hemans gave an update on committee activities: He and Associate Provost Pickus have been working together over the summer on upcoming issues for the year. The Exceptions Committee has also been active over the summer. The General Education Committee is currently underway. The Ad Hoc General Education Committee has begun work. Information about the committee’s agenda and activities is available on the Senate web under “Current Topics”. President Hemans offered a brief summary of the committee’s charge over the next two years.
The Planning and Budget Committee will have its first meeting soon and will begin reviewing the process of Program Review.

C. President Hemans made some general announcements.

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1. Due to the delays involved in mass e-mails in an emergency, it is advisable to receive text notifications by mobile phone under the Emergency Operations Plan.

2. A search for a dean of the Library is underway, and is being conducted by a search committee with faculty representation.

V. Committee Reports:
A. Rules – Chair Skinner presented the names of Silvia Carruthers as the Fine Arts representative on the Planning & Budget committee and Jeff Hershfield as the LAS Humanities representative on the General Education committee. Both were accepted.

VI. Old Business: none

VII. New Business:
A. Update from the Provost's Office: Provost Miller made a presentation on reshaping efforts for 2010-11. The Kansas Board of Regents is expected to accept a document called “Foresight 2020” that would set six specific goals for 2020 for Regents institutions and would probably tie funding to progress on those goals. Provost Miller summarized upcoming efforts by the Planning and Budget Committee and the Council of Deans to prepare for Foresight 2020 in alignment with the university’s mission.

B. Information on charitable giving: Richard Muma, Department of Public Health Sciences, provided information on donations to Community Health Charities.

C. Request for Senate endorsement of a proposal to alter the academic calendar (1st reading): Bill Wynne, the Registrar, summarized some problems caused by the current academic calendar and sought the Senate’s approval of a proposal to the Kansas Board of Regents to reduce the fall and spring semesters by two days each. There was discussion of this proposal, including discussion of a friendly amendment to increase Thanksgiving Recess by two days in lieu of Fall Break.

VIII. As may arise:

The meeting was adjourned.

Daniel Russell, Secretary

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