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Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

What: **Regular Faculty Senate Meeting**

When: **February 10, 2020, 3:30 - 5:00**

pm Where: **Clinton Hall Room 126**

Agenda Item	Notes/Discussion/Process	Outcome/Action /Completed
Call to order		
Informal statements and proposals		
Approval of minutes	January 27, 2020	
President's Report		
Committee Reports	Rules	
New Business	SEM update , Carolyn Shaw	
Senate Deliberation:	Rules changes; potential changes for discussion; not a first reading (included below agenda)	
As May Arise		

Adjourn: Next Senate Meeting February 27, 2020, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Clinton 126.

RULES IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

Voting ability (online presence and electronic ballots)

- **Proposal for Alternate:**

- o Annual Elections will be held for the 9 divisions outlined in Faculty Senate Procedures. Additionally each division will elect one alternate senator who may serve as an alternate for that division in faculty senate meetings
- o Role of the alternate: Serving senators who must be absent from a senate meeting may notify the elected alternate senator for their division to serve as an alternate in their place. Alternates may discuss and vote on proposals as a representative for their division, and are expected to represent their divisional constituents, *not* the individual senator who is absent.

Alternates are subject to the same expectations as faculty senators as outlined in section III of the Rules of the Faculty Senate.

- **Proposal for a Limited Proxy**

- o Senators may designate a current senator, in their division, as a proxy for a vote in the faculty senate for single meetings.
- o Senators requesting a proxy vote must submit written approval to the faculty senate president prior to a senate meeting. The written approval states what issues the proxy may vote on who the designated proxy is, and how the vote should be cast, supposing there are only friendly amendments.
- o Proxies are not counted towards a quorum count.

- **General Procedures**

- o Update of General Procedure Item 11:

11. The Senate agenda will be determined in advance by the Executive Committee, and posted on the Senate Web site. The Order of Business of the Senate shall be as follows:

- Calling the meeting to order
- Call for Informal Statements and Proposals
- Calling the meeting to order Approval of the minutes
- President's Report
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- As May Arise

13. Informal Statements and Proposals must be limited to 5 minutes for each individual. Time limits will be monitored by the Faculty Senate President-Elect, who has the right to stop informal discussion when the time limit has been reached. Longer statements or proposals can be given to the Faculty Senate President to be shared on the Senate website. Informal Statements should not take more than 10 minutes of the Senate Meeting in total.

19. The Senate shall allow audio and/or video recordings of its proceedings. following the "Informal Statement and Proposals." A privileged motion to suspend this rule may be made during any meeting and shall require a simple majority of those present for passage.

Faculty Senate Meeting February 10, 2020 - Draft
3:30 - 5:00 pm, Clinton Hall Room 126

Present: Bailey, Barut, Billingham, Bowen, Bray, Buerge, Bukonda, Carlson, Castro, Celestin, Clawson, Core, Decker, Dowling, English, Figy, Flynn, Granada, Hammond, Harrison, Hill, Hull, Jarman, Lee, Ma, Marble-Flint, Millar, Mirasol, Mozzani, Muthitacharoen, Myose, Navarro, Nicks, Price, Pulaski, Ross, Schwartz, Smith-Campbell, Solomey, Sternfeld-Dunn, Storrer, Sylvester, Zewde

Absent: Ahmed, Jeffres, Kalomo, Popejoy, Small, Tamtam, Weheba, Yildirim

Excused: Hakansson, Lockard, Markova, Moody, Newman

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<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Process / External Link</u>	<u>Notes and Outcome/Action/Completed</u>
Call to order		3:30 pm
Informal statements & proposals		None
Approval of minutes	<u>January 27, 2020 Minutes</u>	Moved & seconded, approved unanimously
President's Report	Senate President Jarman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision on whether to implant E-verify has not been made – president is still considering what to do, and a more formal presentation will be given before university action is taken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comment: would like more warning before the presentation is given in the Senate next time • President’s various task forces – intention is report back in 90 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you would like to know what the task forces are considering, please contact Senate President Jarman ○ Website with task force reports will be uploaded quickly so that people can also see what is being considered • Some people have asked for an update about changes made at Disability Services – hope to provide an update in near future • Deadline for submission of ideas for the third (open) area for the President’s Convergence Science Initiative is Friday 14 February – please send ideas to your Dean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A fourth area has designated to be the topic of sustainability has been added ○ Frequency and quality (with provision of why this is important) will help determine what the open (third topic) will be
New Business:	<u>SEM Update</u> : Carolyn Shaw	<p>Vice President Shaw gave a Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) update [see link to left]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three new goals have been added: increase international enrollment, returning adult learners, and graduate admission • Overall enrollment has grown in recent years (~15,000 students to ~16,000 students today) • There will be a significant reduction in the population of 18-year olds starting in 2026 (-14% by 2029), decline is unevenly distributed geographically across the United States • Part of SEM plan is to grow underserved (minority, first generation, & low income) students • One interesting challenge is the robust / good economy where individuals (e.g. community college graduates) choose to work rather than go to (i.e. transferring to) four year universities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WSU has been the school of choice for community college transfers in Kansas • Strong practices which help with recruitment were presented • Attitudinal changes of college age individuals were presented

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 51% of Gen Z’s think that they can do ok without a college degree ○ 71% of businesses are open to alternative (non-degree) credentials ○ 42% of businesses say they will need to retrain their current employees <p>Q/A session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comment was made by a Senator that many students appear overcommitted and that it is different from days when many faculty were going to school; response: students today may be different from our own experiences so knowing that may help with working with students ● A Senator pointed out that the statistics presented (3100 admits out of 5625 applications) indicated that WSU only admits ~60% of our applicants – why is it so low? Response: some applications are never completed and out of the 3100 admitted, ~1600 come to WSU but the rest generally go to community colleges and many of those eventually come to WSU
<p>Senate Deliberation</p>	<p>Rules Changes</p>	<p>Potential changes for discussion – not a first reading (included below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Would it be possible for Senators to vote if they are unable to attend? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Idea of streaming (video) of the meeting was considered by the Rules Committee, but captioning of streamed video may be cost prohibitive so it was not considered further ○ Two ideas, however, came up as a result: (1) alternative Senator who can vote if the primary Senator is absent and (2) proxy voting ○ Rules Committee considered a number issues associated with both ideas, but these were the two best ideas and are presented as possibilities; discussion followed. ○ Question was asked what the current rule is regarding individuals who go on sabbatical; response: there is already a process to have an “alternate” Senator for the sabbatical period ○ A number of Senators felt that an alternate Senator is problematic since such an individual would need to attend most meetings in order to be well informed about a topic under consideration – many faculty are already overloaded with service activities ○ Idea was raised that after a [Senate] proposal is finalized, put all documents up in Senate website, then have Senators vote online – comment was made that discussion is important and people change their viewpoint as a result; such a method [online voting] may encourage more absence [of Senate meetings]; online voting is discouraged in Roberts rules ○ Many discussions can be lengthy and complex so it might be difficult to be well informed unless Senators participate / attend meetings ○ Question was asked if recordings can be made and archived. Response: cost would be associated with this; if it is to be streamed, then absenteeism might be encouraged as well ○ Comment was made that if an individual agrees to serve on the Senate, then they are already committed to come to the meetings ○ Straw vote: significant majority opposed to proxy, alternate Senator or something else <p>Other thoughts which were brought up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should there be a rule that there be quorum by division/college? ○ Perhaps consider allowing online voting for the General Faculty meeting ● Informal statements & proposals part of the Senate meeting – consider limiting individuals to 5 minutes (longer/more detailed written statement can be placed on the Senate website) and a total of 10 minutes for all informal statements in a given meeting – this idea will be brought up as a formal proposal to the Senate in the future, seeking input and discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was a comment by a past Senate President that it is important to limit the time because a long informal statement may take time away from discussion for items that are on the agenda

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comment was made that this would encourage individuals to be organized in their statement ○ There was a suggestion that informal statements & proposals be limited to Senators – Rules Comm. Chair Sternfeld-Dunn will look into this, whether it is already in the Senate rules ○ Question/comment: would speaker for informal statement be able to take questions, and if so would they still be limited to 5 minutes – Sternfeld-Dunn will look into this further ○ Suggestion was made that the “must be limited to 5 minutes” be changed to “normally should be limited to 5 minutes” ● Since the Senate is an open meeting, videotaping/recording will have to be allowed ○ No objections were raised about this proposed change to Senate rules / policy wording
As May Arise		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comment was raised issue that emeritus faculty are not provided free parking, e-mail and library privileges – response: parking is not free even for regular faculty; retirees do have library privileges; all retired faculty, not just emeritus, are moved to a different e-mail account ○ Provost Muma: free parking may be something to be considered for retirees; allowable individuals who are no longer on the payroll to utilize the wichita.edu e-mail address is an issue because a time sensitive e-mail or notice of importance being sent may be missed by a retiree who does not check their e-mail [may become a liability issue] ○ Question was asked whether wichita.edu e-mail is being forwarded to retiree e-mail account; no direct response to this question was given, but a comment was made: there may be folks on faculty or staff who are not checking their e-mail, much less retirees ○ Comment was made that there are individuals for which this e-mail address is effectively their electronic identity, and some universities allow keeping their e-mail address even after retiring – would like this [how other universities are doing this] to be investigated further
Adjournment		Adjourn at 5pm

Next Senate Meeting February 24, 2020, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Clinton 126.