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Agenda and Minutes of the Meeting of May 10, 2010

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY**FACULTY SENATE****AGENDA**

MEETING NOTICE	Monday, May 10, 2010
	Room 126 CH, 3:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- I. Call of the Meeting to Order**
- II. Informal Statements and Proposals**
- III. Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the April 26, 2010 meeting --**
<http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/m4-26-10.htm>
- IV. President's Report**
- V. Committee Reports**
- A. Standing Committee Annual Reports:**
1. **Academic Affairs --** <http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/aarpt04.htm>
 2. **Faculty Affairs --** <http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/farpt04.htm>
- B. Rules -- Frederick Hemans, Chair -- remaining committee vacancies --**
<http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/Rules%20-%202006.htm>
- VI. Old Business: none**
- VII. New Business: none**
- VIII. As May Arise**

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**Report of the Academic Affairs Committee
To the Faculty Senate
2009-2010 Academic Year**

A. Committee Members:

Denise Celestin (Chair)	Fine Arts
Elizabeth Behrman	LAS Math/Natural Sciences
Ngoyi Bukonda	Health Professions
Jeri Carroll	Education
Cindy Craig	University Libraries
Robert Feleppa	LAS Humanities
Krishna Krishnan	Engineering
Jeffrey Quirin	Business
Nancy McCarthy Snyder	LAS Social Sciences
(Vacant)	SGA Representative
Frederick Hemans	past chair

B. Meeting Schedule and Activities:

The committee met on May 4, 2010 to elect a Chair, and to receive a new charge on Academic Honesty for the 2010-2011 academic year.

C. Committee Charges:

1. Review and make recommendations on proposals for new undergraduate degrees and academic programs.
2. Review existing policies governing academic affairs and proposals for curricular change or development.
3. Recommend new or changed policies concerning academic affairs to the Senate. This includes, but is not limited to, developing, reviewing, and recommending changes to university-wide academic standards and practices and administrative practices and policies likely to have an impact on existing academic programs and practices.
4. The Academic Affairs Committee shall have the power to interpret existing academic policy and resolve disputes over diverse interpretations of the policy.

Respectfully submitted by Denise A. Celestin

**FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE FACULTY SENATE
MAY 8, 2010**

Committee Members:

Terence Decker, Business (Acting Chair)
Will Klunder, LAS Humanities
Walter Horn, Engineering
Orren Dale, LAS Social Sciences
Jacquelyn McLendon, Health Professions
Kay Gibson, Education (sabbatical)
Syed Taher, LAS Math/Natural Sciences
Lorraine Madway, University Libraries
Silvia Carruthers, Fine Arts

Meeting Schedule:

The committee met four times this semester, from March 25 to May 8.

Committee Activities:

Charges: The Faculty Affairs Committee deals with the relationship between the WSU Faculty and the University and the State of Kansas. Specific areas of responsibility are:

1. Terms of employment, tenure policies, tenure and promotion guidelines, salary, fringe benefits, retirement, life insurance, health insurance, leave procedures, faculty benefits and responsibilities, dismissal policies and conflict of interest policies.
2. Issues of faculty statues within the University.
3. Academic freedom policies of the University and the State, including review of current policies, recommendations for changes, and review of any changes proposed by the University or the Board of Regents.

The committee investigated and discussed issues pertaining to three-year tenure review and research positions at Wichita State University. The committee noted the trend toward three-year review of faculty in tenure-track positions and positive and negative considerations associated therewith. Programs at other universities were examined, which included a fairly structured review at K-State and a relatively unstructured review to the University of Kansas.

The committee went into some detail on a proposed Policy for Research Professionals at WSU produced by the faculty research task team. Both the Chair of that task team, David Eichhorn, and another member, James Snyder, met with the Faculty Affairs Committee. A number of issues were discussed and most members of the Faculty Affairs Committee concluded that the proposed policy was either not needed or was in need of revision. A later meeting between Fritz Hemans, President-Elect of the Senate, who had attended all Faculty Affairs Committee meetings, and David McDonald, Associate Provost for Research, indicated that there was actually little in the way of obstacles in policies and procedures in the hiring and tailoring of contracts for research professionals, but rather that some work needs to be done in terms of smoothing the practical functioning between departments and research units.

Continuing Business: Consideration of a policy for three-year tenure review.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terence Decker
Acting Chair

Wichita State University Faculty Senate meeting, Monday, May 10, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, J. Bennett, T. Bennett, Brooks, Bryant, Celestin, Decker, Driessen, Hemans, Hershfield, Horn, Klunder, Lewis-Moss, Miller, Mosack, Myers, Pickard, Rillema, Rokosz, Ross, D. Russell, L. Russell, Scherz, Skinner, Smith-Campbell, Soles, Spurgeon, Strattmann, Taher, Thompson, Yildirim

MEMBERS ABSENT: Baker, Baldrige, Bolin, Carruthers, Craft, Dale, DeSilva, Hu, Kreinath, LeZotte, Monroe, Moore-Jansen, Wolf, Yeager

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Henry

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Summary of Action:

1. Accepted the annual reports from Academic Affairs and Faculty Affairs

I. Call of the Meeting to Order: President Soles called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

II. Informal Statements and Proposals:

Senator D. Russell shared information from a notice dispersed by Registrar Bill Wynn regarding incomplete grades, the notice contradicts what is in the bulletin. He will contact AVP Pickus about this problem.

The Office of Academic Affairs released an alter that the campus will close at 4:00 due to tornado warnings for the campus area.

III. Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of April 26, 2010 meeting were accepted as presented

IV. President's Report:

President Soles announced that there will be a special meeting of the Faculty Senate Monday, May 17, 2010 in HH 209. This is a meeting of the 2009-10 Senate, but the 2010-11 senators are invited. The purpose of the meeting is to distribute information and get sense of the senate regarding the proposed program discontinuances in Physics and Gerontology.

V. Committee Reports:

The annual reports from Academic Affairs and Faculty Affairs committees were accepted.

VI. Old Business: none

VII. New Business: none

VIII: As May Arise: none

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm
Respectfully submitted: Johnnie Thompson