

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Location: Zoom
<https://wnmu.zoom.us/j/83499301170>
Tuesday, December 5th, 2023
3:30 - 5:30pm

Scott called the meeting to order at 15:30 hrs.

Attendance/Roll Call:

Department	Representative
Expressive Arts	Courtney Michaud (Present)
Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies	Benji Cline (Present)
Mathematics and Computer Science	Tanya Rivers (Present)
Natural Sciences	Lynn Haugen (Present)
Social Sciences and Cultural Studies	Joel Blaxland (Present)
School of Business	Jorge Romero-Habeych (Present)
College of Education	Benjamin Jenkins (Present)
School of Nursing and Kinesiology	Taka Sato (Present)
School of Social Work	Eric Senter (Present)
Behavioral Sciences	Wen-Chi Chen (Present)
Miller Library	(Absent)
Faculty Senate President	Scott Smith (Present)
Faculty Senate President	Phil Schoenberg (Present)
Ex Officio	William Crocker, Provost (Present)

Approval of the Meeting Agenda: Joel makes motion, Tanya Seconds. Motion passes.

Approval of the Minutes (11/07/2023): Joel makes motion, Eric Senter Seconds. Motion passes. Lynn votes no on approval of minutes, Tanya abstains, and Benji Jenkins votes no.

Informational Items:

- a. Results of the Annual Student Experience Survey, Mario Sanchez (15 minutes):
Mario goes over the annual student experience survey results. Tanya asked a question about the survey which was answered by Mario. No other questions about the presentation were asked.

Old Business:

- a. Appointment of New Faculty Salary Advisor (10 minutes):
Following up on the discussion that was had last month during the meeting. Senate had asked for a memo from salary and benefits regarding how they came about

recommending Remington Curtis. A letter of intent from Remington was also included with the memo. No other discussion by faculty senate. A vote is needed by faculty senate. Call for motion to approve Remington Curtis. Benji Cline makes motion, seconded by Joel Blaxland. Tanya expresses her support.

Roll Call Vote:

Joel Blaxland: Yes

Wen-Chi Chen: Yes

Benji Cline: Yes

Lynn Haugen: Yes

Benjamin Jenkins: Yes

Courtney Michaud: Yes

Eric Senter: Yes

Tanya Rivers: Yes

Jorge Romero-Habeych: Yes

Taka Sato: Yes

Unanimous. Remington Curtis will be faculty salary advisor beginning in January 2024.

b. Faculty Compensation for Cross-Listed Courses (10 minutes):

Continuing on the discussion that was had in October. Faculty senate agreed to go back to departments and ask if there were any issues with compensation with cross listed courses. Wen-Chi discusses that her department would like to know how other department go about cross listing. Faculty senate members discuss how their departments go about dealing with the issue. Accreditation provides guidelines for some departments regarding the topic of crosslisting.

c. Proposed Faculty Handbook Language Changes Regarding Voting Eligibility, Second Read (15 minutes):

We had a first read on this during the November meeting. Further discussion is had before voting on this item. This rule affects those that have administrative roles like associate deans. It's hard to know the exact number of people that are impacted by the six-credit rule in order to be able to vote. Different points of view were expressed by different faculty senate members. No action taken by faculty senate on this item at this time. Further discussion to take place during future meetings as old business.

Benji Cline makes motion to refer back to committee to get numbers on who would be affected by a change in this rule. Ben Jenkins seconds.

Roll Call vote:

Joel Blaxland: Yes
Wen-Chi Chen: Yes
Benjamin Cline: Yes
Lynn Haugen: Yes
Benjamin Jenkins: Yes
Courtney Michaud: Yes
Eric Senter: Yes
Tanya Rivers: Yes
Jorge Romero-Habeych: Yes
Taka Sato: Yes

Motion carries. Ad hoc committee will get more information to be brought to faculty senate at a later time.

- d. Terminal Degree Policy and the Faculty Handbook (15 minutes):
Faculty senate continues this discussion. Where does language on this issue belong? Phil suggests an ad hoc committee that would put together a “handbook” dealing with this issue.

Tanya makes a motion to form such a committee. Seconded by Joel Blaxland. No discussion of motion.

Roll call:
Joel Blaxland: Yes
Wen-Chi Chen: Yes
Benjamin Cline: Yes
Lynn Haugen: Yes
Benjamin Jenkins: Yes
Courtney Michaud: Yes
Eric Senter: Yes
Tanya Rivers: Yes
Jorge Romero-Habeych: Abstain
Taka Sato: Yes

Motion carries.

New Business:

- a. The September and October Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes (10 minutes):

Some senators have been requesting the minutes from previous meetings. Tanya discusses that given that they are “transcript-like”, certain things can be misinterpreted and negatively affect faculty senate members. Should minutes be transcript like? As parliamentarian, Benji mentions that there are guidelines for minute taking in Robert’s Rules. The faculty handbook states that we should follow Robert’s Rules.

- b. Faculty Handbook Language for Classroom Observations, Phillip Schoenberg (15 minutes):

Tanya makes motion to table this until February. Seconded by Courtney.
No discussion had on this issue.

- c. Online and Face-to-Face Courses (15 minutes):

Discussion about the relation of face-to-face courses provided relatively to online courses. Pre-covid versus post-covid. Online classes appear to be making up a larger portion of classes offered at WNMU over time, according to the graphs Scott created from the data he received. Dr. Shepard does not want our identity as an institution to be as an online school, according to Phil’s recollection of his meeting with him. Discussion ensued regarding trends in online education and how that is affecting different disciplines. Discussion was left open.

Announcements:

Next Faculty Senate Meeting, Month Day, February 6th (2024), 3:30 - 5:30pm

Next Faculty General Assembly Meeting, January 18th (2024), 3:30 - 5pm

Fall Semester Commencement, December 8th, 6pm in the Fine Arts Center Theater

Adjournment: motion made by Tanya, seconded by Joel. Motion carries.

Attachments:

Meeting Agenda: 12/05/2023

Meeting Minutes: 11/07/2023

FS Memo Voting (Faculty) Signed _ with Signatures

Recommendation to faculty senate for FSA

Remington Curtis Letter of Intent

Faculty Senate Minutes 09.05.2023

Faculty Senate Minutes 10.03.2023

Meeting Organizational Team:

Recorder of the Minutes: Jorge Romero-Habeych

Parliamentarian: Benji Cline

Timekeeper: Phillip Schoenberg