

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Location: Zoom
<https://wnmu.zoom.us/j/89869162826>
Tuesday, February 6th, 2024
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	Benjamin 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 Advanced Clinical and Education Programs	Benjamin Jenkins (Present)
School of Nursing and Kinesiology	Taka Sato (Present)
Early Childhood	Liliana Sanchez (Present)
Department of Teacher Education	Gregory Robinson-Guerra (Present)
School of Social Work	Eric Moore (Present)
Behavioral Sciences	Wen-chi Chen (Present)
Miller Library	Madeline Nittmo (Absent)
Faculty Senate President	Scott Smith (Present)
Faculty Senate President	Phil Schoenberg (Present)
Ex Officio	William Crocker, Provost (Present)

Approval of the Meeting Agenda: Scott motions to approve. Joel makes motion and Eric Moore seconds.

Approval of the Minutes (12/05/2023): Joel makes the motion. Tanya seconds the motion. There are no objections.

Informational Items:

- a. Policy Review Process, Dr. Joseph Shepard (10 minutes): Policies and procedures have remained unchanged (mostly) since he came on board. He has ordered a review of those policies and procedures to make sure that they are aligned with his believe in shared governance. This review will involve the planning council and the faculty senate. Faculty

senate will create subcommittee(s) to address individual policies. Policies should be aligned with statutes and university values.

Old Business:

- a. Terminal Degree Policy and the Faculty Handbook, Update (5 minutes):
Tanya provides update of the work the committee has been doing. They have met three times. They have been collecting documents and working on putting together a “manual” of policies that affect faculty salaries. She would like to know what kinds of questions faculty members want answered by the manual. That would help as the committee tries to address the needs of the faculty.
- b. Online and Face-to-Face Courses, Update (5 minutes):
Scott provides an update. Seventy percent of the courses offered (CRNs) at WNMU are online courses. A survey is being set up to ask students about how they feel about the need for face-to-face courses.
- c. Proposed Faculty Handbook Language Changes Regarding Voting Eligibility (15 minutes):
Tanya provides summary. The proposed policy changes would align faculty handbook with Board of Regents manual. Deans are ineligible to vote in the faculty general assembly under current proposed policies. Contract status for chairs and associate deans remain as faculty. Chairs and associate deans are eligible to vote in faculty general assembly under current proposed policies. Anyone with a faculty contract is governed by faculty handbook. Anyone governed by handbook should be able to vote. There are currently seven individuals who are impacted by current policies. Discussion ensued on the downside of allowing everyone to vote as long as they are contracted as faculty, although they are heavily involved in the administrative side.

Motion to approve language with change to proposed language to include “who have a current signed faculty contract” made by Benji Jenkins. Eric Moore seconds. A ballot vote is requested. Benjamin Cline makes a motion to ignore Robert’s Rules so that a ballot vote can be done via private chat message to Scott. Benjamin Cline seconds the motion. Lynn makes a motion to table the motion. Joel Blaxland seconds. Objections to tabling? Four nays. No abstentions. Motion carries.

New Business:

- a. Faculty Handbook Language for Classroom Observations, Phillip Schoenberg (10 minutes): Phil provides an update on this and some suggestions on how in-classroom observations could take place. He suggests a subcommittee to look at this more seriously.

Joel Blaxland makes motion to create this ad hoc committee. Wen-Chi seconds. No discussion is had.

Roll call:

Joel Blaxland: Yes

Wen-chi Chen: Yes

Benjamin Cline: Yes

Gregory Robinson-Guerra: Yes

Lynn Haugen: Yes

Benjamin Jenkins: Yes

Courtney Michaud: Absent

Madeline Nittmo: Absent

Eric Moore: Yes

Tanya Rivers: Yes

Jorge Romero-Habeych: Abstain

Liliana Sanchez: Yes

Taka Sato: Yes

Motion carries.

b. Recordings of Faculty General Assembly Meeting Minutes (15 minutes):

Discussion about recording general assembly meetings via AI technology being allowed at general assembly meetings. This would pertain to not allowing electronic recordings of any kind. Previous discussion dealt with Zoom specifically. Discussion ensued.

c. The Bookstore and the Follett Access Program (15 minutes):

Do students have the ability to opt out of digital textbook access program. What can they access via BryteWave? Are there better options? Discussion ensued.

d. Course Scheduling and the Summer Semester 2024 Schedule (10 minutes):

This item gets moved to March's agenda.

Announcements:

Next Faculty Senate Meeting, March 5th, 3:30 - 5:30pm

Next Faculty General Assembly Meeting, February 15th, 3:30 - 5pm

Faculty Excellence Awards Nominations Due February 15th

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Joel Blaxland. Seconded by Wen-chi. No discussion.

Attachments:

Meeting Agenda: 02/06/2024

Meeting Minutes: 12/05/2023

Addendum to Voting Rights Proposal

FS Memo Voting (Faculty) Signed _ with Signatures

Meeting Organizational Team:

Recorder of the Minutes: Jorge Romero-Habeych

Parliamentarian: Benji Cline

Timekeeper: Phillip Schoenberg