

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Location: Zoom
<https://wnmu.zoom.us/j/85263658779>
Tuesday, March 5th, 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	Benjamin Jenkins (Present)
School of Nursing and Kinesiology	Taka Sato (Present)
Early Childhood	Liliana Sanchez (Absent)
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 (Absent)

Approval of the Meeting Agenda: Scott asks for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Joel makes a request to remove agenda item d) under “New Business”. Wen-Chi makes motion. Ben Jenkins seconds. No objections to approve agenda with removal of item d).

Approval of the Minutes (02/06/2024): Joel makes the motion. Gregory Seconds the motion. There are no objections.

Old Business:

- a. Online and Face-to-Face Courses (10 minutes): Scott discusses the results of the survey results. Discussion ensued.
Tanya makes motion to create an ad-hoc committee to review data, conduct analysis, derive conclusions, and make recommendations. Joel seconds motion. No objections.

Roll call:

Joel Blaxland: Yes

Wen-Chi: Yes

Benjamin Cline: Yes

Gregory Robinson Guerra: Yes

Lynn Haugen: Yes

Benjamin Jenkins: Yes

Courtney Michaud: Yes

Eric Moore: Yes

Tana Rivers: Yes

Jorge Romero-Habeych: Abstain

Taka Sato: Yes

Tabled Item:

Tanya makes motion to take voting eligibility language off the table, which had been tabled during the February Faculty Senate meeting. Seconded by Eric Moore. No objections.

Result of the vote is to determine the type of recommendation that would go to the General Assembly. Motion to approve language with change in language that says they are currently under a faculty contract. Motion carries and language change will be suggested to General Assembly.

Roll call:

Joel Blaxland: No

Wen-Chi: Yes

Benjamin Cline: No

Gregory Robinson Guerra: Abstain

Lynn Haugen: Yes

Benjamin Jenkins: Yes

Courtney Michaud: Yes

Eric Moore: Yes

Tanya Rivers: Yes

Jorge Romero-Habeych: Yes

Taka Sato: Yes

New Business:

- a. Faculty Handbook Changes Concerning WNMU Mission and Vision (10 minutes):
Scott discusses the updating of our faculty handbook so that it complies with our strategic mission. New updated language needed to be approved/signed by several faculty

members. Several faculty members did and approved it. Per the faculty handbook, the language needs a second read. Discussion about the topic ensued.

Eric Moore makes move to approve revisions to handbook as a second read. Joel Blaxland seconds. Vote to approve sending of this language to General Assembly for a first read.

Roll call:

Joel Blaxland: Yes

Wen-Chi: Yes

Benjamin Cline: Yes

Gregory Robinson Guerra: Yes

Lynn Haugen: Yes

Benjamin Jenkins: Yes

Courtney Michaud: Yes

Eric Moore: Yes

Tanya Rivers: Yes

Jorge Romero-Habeych: Yes

Taka Sato: Yes

- b. Faculty Handbook Changes to Committee Descriptions, First Read, Scott Fritz (10 minutes):

Scott Fritz goes over proposed language changes to faculty handbook in order to align said handbook to changes being conducted to student handbook. Language changes are being recommended by another faculty committee. Review of language changes and discussion of language changes ensued. Second read of this will take place at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

- c. Faculty Handbook Changes to Faculty Handbook Regarding Post Tenure Review, First Read (10 minutes): Scott Smith discusses proposed changes to faculty handbook language dealing with post tenure review. Discussion about proposed language changes ensued. Continued discussion will take place during April meeting.

- d. Policy Review Process (10 minutes): Scott discusses Dr. Shepard's request to review the process under which policies are reviewed. A committee has been formed with Bobbi Dobson in the lead. A different committee composed of faculty needs to be created to work alongside that committee. Bobbi Dobson spoke about the policy review process and discussion of this topic ensued.

- e. University Travel (10 minutes): Scott discusses the issues that have come up with regards to the university's past travel activities and university's assertion about the importance of

domestic and international travel. Discussion ensued. Scott requests support for a memo expressing such sentiments. First read. Will be brought up during the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Announcements:

Next Faculty Senate Meeting, April 2nd, 3:30 - 5:30pm

Next Faculty General Assembly Meeting, March 21st, 3:30 - 5pm

Assessment Convocation, Friday, March 8th

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Gregory. Seconded by Joel. No objections.

Attachments:

Meeting Agenda: 03/05/2024

Meeting Minutes: 02/06/2024

Faculty Handbook Mission and Vision Statements

Handbook Changes Section 304 Proposal

Memo Post Tenure Review Handbook Change 2024

FS Memo Voting (Faculty) Signed _ with Signatures

Addendum to Voting Rights Proposal

Faculty Senate Memo on Travel - DRAFT

WNMU Course Delivery Preferences Student Survey

Meeting Organizational Team:

Recorder of the Minutes: Jorge Romero-Habeych

Parliamentarian: Benji Cline

Timekeeper: Phillip Schoenberg