The Faculty Senate was called to order by A.G. Rud, Chair on Thursday January 12, 2017, in FSHN T101 at 3:30 p.m. thirty-nine (39) members were present with fifteen (15) absent and eight (8) nonvoting members present.

Minutes of November 3, 2016 meeting were approved as circulated.

Announcements (Information items).

Information Items.

1. Minor Change Bulletins #5 and #6 (Exhibit B B1)
2. Faculty Senate Officers met with the Provost on November 29, 2016
3. Faculty Senate Officers met with the President on December 7, 2016
4. Applications for the positions of Faculty Senate Executive Secretary and Chair-elect will be taken until February 21, 2017.
5. The Graduate Studies Committee has approved updated Bylaws for the Department of Crop and Soils Sciences which are available on the department’s website

Announcements (Reports).

1. Remarks by AG Rud

   On December 1, 2017, I traveled to Seattle along with chair elect, Judi McDonald to attend a UW Senate meeting on that campus. Additionally, Judi traveled to Olympia to speak to the Legislature regarding faculty issues.

   On December 19, 2017 WSU signed an agreement with the INTO organization wherein more foreign students would be admitted to WSU through three pathways beginning with the Fall 2017 semester.

   We have been in communication with Dean Tomkowiak regarding the College of Medicine admission procedures.

   I will be attending the Board of Regents meeting in January to present an update on Faculty Senate activities.

   Please remember to attend the president’s State of Union presentation.

   Applications are being taken to fill the position for an the Faculty Athletic Representative

   Concerns have been brought forth regarding the dangerous road conditions for students returning for Spring semester. Considerations for policy changes include extending dorm room and dining options, as well as a more relaxed attendance policy during inclement weather will be brought to the attention of the administration.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda. None.
Agenda Items (Action Items)

A.  Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve Undergraduate Major Change Bulletin #5 (Exhibits F F1 ) – G. Crouch
Motion carried

2.  Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve revisions in Rules72 and 73, Class Attendances and Absences (Exhibit G ) – G. Crouch
Motion carried

3.  Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Graduate Major Change Bulletin #5 ( Exhibit H ) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
Motion carried

Agenda Items (Discussion Items).

1.  Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve Undergraduate Major Change Bulletin #6 (Exhibits I I1 ) – G. Crouch
No Discussion

2.  Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the proposal to Extend the BA in Strategic Communication to Global Campus (Exhibit L L1 L2) – G. Crouch
No Discussion

3.  Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve revisions in Rules104,105, 98, Academic Complaint Procedures and Administrative Changes to Final Grades & Correction of Grade Errors (Exhibit P ) – G. Crouch
No Discussion

4.  Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Graduate Major Change Bulletin #6 ( Exhibit J ) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
No Discussion

5.  Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the proposal for New Prefixes for Teaching and Learning (Exhibits K K1 ) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
No Discussion

6.  Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the proposal to drop the Graduate Certificate in Engineering Nanotechnology (Exhibits M M1 ) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
No Discussion

7.  Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the proposal to drop the Graduate Certificate in Reproductive Biology (Exhibits N N1) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
No Discussion

8.  Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the proposal for the Revised Plan for Master of Science in Computer Science (Vancouver) - (Exhibits O O1 ) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
No Discussion

9. Proposal to adopt a resolution that “Washington State University declare itself a “sanctuary center of higher education” committed to protecting the members of its community from unfair deportation, investigation, or other intimidation.

Discussion: Point of Order was noted that this proposal is outside the purview of the legislative power of the Faculty Senate. This measure is deemed to be a political statement. Chair ruled this was out of order.
Motion to remand this topic to the Steering Committee for further discussion and review.
Motion carried. It was noted that a legal opinion would be sought.

VI. Constituents' Concerns.

A concern was brought forth regarding the change on Employee Assistance Program no longer being offered on site on the Pullman campus and all calls were referred to the State EAP program. The Executive Officers will follow up on this.

A question arose regarding lack of adequate graders and teaching assistant positions to assist with large format classes and whether this was a college issue or a broader issue? The Executive Officer will follow up.

VII. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Sheila Converse, Executive Secretary