The Faculty Senate was called to order by A.G. Rud, Chair on Thursday January 26, 2017, in FSHN T101 at 3:30 p.m. thirty-two (32) members were present with twenty-two (22) absent and seven (7) nonvoting members present.

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

Announcements (Information items).

Information Items.

1. Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine prioritization memorandum
2. The Research and Arts Committee approved the 5 year plan on the Franseschi Electron Microscopy and Image Center
3. The Research and Arts Committee approved the 5 year plan on the Center for Precision and Automated Agricultural Systems
4. The Research and Arts Committee approved the 5 year plan on the Marriott Foundation Hospitality Teaching Center
5. Addition to the Educational Policies and Procedures Manual (EPPM): Advising Training (Exhibit X)
6. Election calendar dates

Announcements (Reports).

1. Remarks by AG Rud
   I will be leaving after this meeting to attend the Board of Regents meeting in Tri-Cities
   Regular updates on the progress of the INTO program will be provided
   Initiative on the Non-Tenure track contracts are a focus for the executive officers
   Please fill out the survey from HRS if you attended any of the Oracle presentations

Additions or Changes to the Agenda. Discussion Item #6 removed from agenda.

Agenda Items (Action Items)
A.
1. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve Undergraduate Major Change Bulletin #6 (Exhibits 11) – G. Crouch
   Motion carried
2. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the proposal to Extend the BA in Strategic Communication to Global Campus (Exhibit L1) – G. Crouch
   Motion carried
3. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the clarification memo to rename the major to Integrated Strategic Communication (Exhibit L2) – G. Crouch
   Motion carried

4. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve revisions in Rules 104, 105, 98, Academic Complaint Procedures and Administrative Changes to Final Grades & Correction of Grade Errors (Exhibit P) – G. Crouch
   Motion carried

5. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Graduate Major Change Bulletin #6 (Exhibit J) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
   Motion carried

6. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the proposal for New Prefixes for Teaching and Learning (Exhibits K K1) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
   Motion carried

7. 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
   Motion carried

8. 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
   Motion carried

9. 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
   Motion carried

Agenda Items (Discussion Items).

1. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve Undergraduate Major Change Bulletin #7 (Exhibits P P1) – G. Crouch
   No discussion

2. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve UCORE Bulletin #3 (Exhibit Q) – G. Crouch
   No discussion

3. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve UCORE Bulletin #4 (Exhibit R) – G. Crouch
   No discussion

4. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the Academic Calendar for the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine (Exhibits S S1 S2) – G. Crouch
   No discussion

5. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Graduate Major Change Bulletin #7 (Exhibit U) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
   No discussion
6. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the proposal for the School of Engineering and Computer Science (Vancouver) revised plan for Master of Science in Computer Science (Exhibits V VI ) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury – removed from agenda

7. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the proposal for the School of Engineering and Computer Science (Vancouver) revised plan for Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (Exhibits W W1 ) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
   No discussion

VI. Constituents' Concerns.

The Employee Assistance Program is no longer being offered on site on the Pullman campus and all calls need to be referred to the State EAP program.

We are still following up on the 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?

A concern arose regarding the fact that College of Medicine’s course have not been received. It was noted that the Provost has formed a sub-committee to meet every 2 weeks to make sure everything is on track. The administration considers this a top priority and has asked that all committees and sub-committees to prioritize College of Medicine materials.

A concern was voiced regarding the Graduate School’s inflexibility in handling minor clerical or program-of-study errors is preventing students from achieving the ABD status that they deserve, and also that the grant money saved by ABD can used by faculty to provide tuition support to other deserving graduate students, thereby helping us to increase our production of Ph.D. graduates. As a remedy, I suggested that the graduate school, in cases of a denied ABD application, allow the applicant one chance to fix whatever problem led to the denial, and then resubmit the amended application (and program of study if necessary), even after the nominal ABD deadline. The graduate student would still be responsible for paying his/her tuition on time, but if the amended ABD is approved by the graduate school, then the student and his advisor would be reimbursed for the tuition they paid. This solution still allows the graduate school to perform all the detailed checks (of the ABD application, the program of study, etc.) that they like to do, in order to ensure that the student has indeed finished all required courses and has passed the prelim exam. The Executive Officers will follow up on this.

VII. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Sheila Converse, Executive Secretary