The Faculty Senate was called to order by A.G. Rud, Chair on Thursday October 20, 2016, in FSHN T101 at 3:30 p.m. thirty-three (33) members were present with twenty (20) absent and eight (8) nonvoting members present.

Minutes of October 6, 2016 meeting were approved as circulated.

Announcements (Information items).

Information Items.

1. Graduate Studies Committee has approved bylaw updates to the Engineering and Technology Management Program and they are available on the department’s website.

Announcements (Reports).

1. Remarks by the Chair.—A.G. Rud

The Executive Committee attended an Association for Faculty Women luncheon to provide an overview of Senate procedures.

I attended the WSU Republicans Trump Wall demonstration and was pleased to report that the political debate was civil on both sides.

I attended the announcement of the preliminary accreditation on the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda. None

Agenda Items (Action Items)

A. 1. Recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee to approve changes to the Faculty Manual regarding II E. Faculty Responsibility Related to Student Academic Integrity (Exhibit P P1) – B. Walker
   Motion Carried

2. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve Undergraduate Major Change Bulletin #2 (Exhibits K K1) – G. Crouch
   Motion Carried

3. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve UCORE Bulletin #1 (Exhibit L) – G. Crouch
   Motion Carried

4. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve a revision in Rule 88, rewording for midterm grade submittal (Exhibit M) – G. Crouch
   Motion Carried
5. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the proposal to Extend the Master in Teaching to WSU Tri-Cities (Exhibits N N1) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
Motion Carried

6. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Graduate Major Change Bulletin #2 (Exhibit O) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
Motion Carried

Agenda Items (Discussion Items).

1. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve Undergraduate Major Change Bulletin #3 (Exhibits Q Q1) – G. Crouch
No Discussion

2. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Graduate Major Change Bulletin #3 (Exhibit S) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
No Discussion

3. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to drop the Graduate Certificate in Molecular Biosciences (Exhibits T T1) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
No Discussion

4. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the proposal from the College of Education (Exhibits U U1) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
a. Rename Master of Arts in Education (Literacy Education) to Master of Arts in Education Language, Literacy and Technology Education
b. Rename Master of Education (Literacy Education) to Master of Education (Language, Literacy and Technology Education)
c. Discontinue Master of Education (English Language Learners)
d. Discontinue Master of Arts in Education (English Language Learners)
No Discussion

5. Recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee to approve changes to the Faculty Manual regarding IV.G.5 Patent Ownership Appeals (Exhibits V V1) – B. Walker
No Discussion

VI. Constituents’ Concerns.

GPSA President, Melanie Thornton brought a concern to the Faculty Senate regarding the impact on graduate students affected by the Affordable Care Act. Under this legislation, it is now illegal for higher education institutions to provide subsidized health care. This may affect recruiting efforts. President Schulz will be traveling to Washington DC to discuss this impact on higher education institutions.

A concern was raised regarding the cost of textbooks. There is interest in open source texts, but that raises the concern that the instructor’s control of curriculum taught will be eroded which can negatively affect the quality of students’ education. This matter will be discussed with the President at the next meeting. It was also noted that the library system has open access resources available.

VII. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Sheila Converse, Executive Secretary