The Faculty Senate was called to order by J. McDonald, Chair on Thursday January 11, 2018, in FSHN T101 at 3:30 p.m. Forty-one (41) members were present with sixteen (16) absent and eleven (11) nonvoting members present.

Minutes of November 16, 2017 meeting were approved as circulated.

Announcements (Information items).

Information Items.

1. Executive Officers met with the president on December 12, 2017
2. Executive Officers met with the provost on December 14, 2017 & January 11, 2018
3. Minor Change Bulletin #6 (Exhibit B)
4. Research & Arts Committee has granted interim status on the following Centers, Laboratories or Institutes (CILs) as listed:
   • Alexandra Navrotsky Institute for Experimental Thermodynamics
   • Center for Human Nutrition
   • Health Equity Research Center
5. The Graduate Studies Committee has approved updated Bylaws for the Electrical Power Engineering PSM which are available on the department’s website

Announcements (Reports)

   Remarks by J. McDonald
   Remarks by Greg Neunherz and Stephanie Kane, Activity Insight Update
   Remarks by Dr. Asif Chaudhry and Vice Provost Austin, INTO Update

Additions or Changes to the Agenda. None

Agenda Items (Action Items)

A.
1. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the UCORE Bulletin #2 (Exhibit C) – G. Crouch
   Motion Carried

2. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the revisions on Rule 27 - Appropriate credit for the minimum time commitment required of the student (Exhibit D) – G. Crouch
   Motion Carried

3. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Graduate Major Change Bulletin #5 (Exhibit E) – T. Salsbury/D.Potts
   Motion Carried
4. Recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee to approve the changes to the Faculty Manual - Formal Inclusion of Program Assessment Activities in Annual Review (Exhibits G G1) (Exhibit J – no changes in the EPPM, this is a companion/information item in support of exhibits G G1) - B. Walker
Motion Carried

Agenda Items (Discussion Items).

1. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the Undergraduate Major Change Bulletin #7 (Exhibits K K1) – G. Crouch
No Discussion

2. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Graduate Major Change Bulletin #6 (Exhibit L) – T. Salsbury/D.Potts
No Discussion

3. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve a new Graduate Certificate in Professional Molecular Sciences (Exhibits M M1 M2) – T. Salsbury/D.Potts
Discussion: It was noted that a similar course was offered in Communication and had GSC notified the Communication department about this course. GSC Chairs will make contact with the Communication department and follow up.

4. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve a Revised PhD Plan Requirement in Materials Science and Engineering (Exhibits N N1) – T. Salsbury/D.Potts
No Discussion

5. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the Graduate Certificate in Bioinformatics (Exhibits O O1) – T. Salsbury/D.Potts
No Discussion

6. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve a new Graduate Certificate in Public Health (Exhibits P P1) – T. Salsbury/D.Potts
No Discussion

7. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the Master’s in Political Science (Exhibits Q Q1 Q2) – T. Salsbury/D.Potts
No Discussion
VI. Constituents' Concerns.
A constituent concern regarding the elimination of the Performing Arts Program, as well what will happen to the Performing Arts building occupied by WSU Performing Arts, Jones and Wadleigh Theaters once the program closes.

Chair McDonald advised a meeting has been requested with Lisa Calvert, VP for WSU Foundation on ideas for setting up an avenue wherein faculty and staff can donate to programs/departments of their choosing.

An update regarding requests for fiscal information, it was noted that there is need for additional training on how to understand the budgetary process and more transparency in communication as well as hard data. The Provost is currently working on providing more detailed financial information and Senate officers will continue to follow up with administration and report back.

VII. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Amy Nielsen, Executive Secretary