The Faculty Senate was called to order by J. McDonald, Chair on Thursday February 22, 2018, in FSHN T101 at 3:30 p.m. Forty-one (41) members were present with sixteen (16) absent and six (6) nonvoting members present.

Minutes of January 25, 2018 meeting were approved as circulated.

Announcements (Information items).

Information Items.

1. The Graduate Studies Committee has approved updated Bylaws on Immunology and Infectious Disease Program which are available on the department’s website
2. The Graduate Studies Committee has approved updated Bylaws on Language, Literacy and Technology Education which are available on the department’s website
3. Minor Change Bulletin #8 (Exhibit B)
4. Chair-Elect: Greg Crouch
5. WSU Open Educational Resource (OER) Policy
6. The Research & Arts Committee has reviewed and approved the 5-year self-study review on the Social and Economic Sciences Research Center

Announcements (Reports)

Remarks by J. McDonald

We are working on developing a way to track constituent concerns. A suggestion was made that this format be modeled after the Catalog Sub-Committees tracking notes. Information from past concerns brought up on faculty titles, budgetary information and more items are posted on the Faculty Senate website under “Information for Faculty” in the sidebar.

The concern raised regarding Scantron is under consideration by the Provost’s Office.

We are currently compiling a list of staff that do not fit in the Faculty, AP or Civil Service categories and please let us know if there are groups that need to be added to this list.

The Accreditation study will be occurring in April.

We are awaiting the outcome on the bill for ex-officio representation at the Board of Regents

Senate Executive Officers will be meeting with the president on Monday; please remit any issues/concerns to J. McDonald

Candidate nomination received for Chair Elect is Greg Crouch. Please note even though we only have one candidate, please make sure to vote.
Remarks by VP Mary Jo Gonzales, Re-structuring Student Affairs & AVP Search Updates. (note this was in response to multiple constituent concerns questions on finances)

Remarks by Dean Jay Starratt, Library Updates

Additions or Changes to the Agenda. None

Agenda Items (Action Items)

A. 1. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the Undergraduate Major Change Bulletin #9 (Exhibits V V1) – G. Crouch
Motion Carried

2. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Graduate Major Change Bulletin #8 (Exhibit W) – T. Salsbury/D. Potts
Motion Carried

3. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the Revised Graduate Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Certificate (Exhibits X X1) – T. Salsbury/D. Potts
Motion Carried

4. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the updated Graduate Certificate in Professional Molecular Sciences (Exhibits Y Y1) – T. Salsbury/D. Potts
Motion Carried

Agenda Items (Discussion Items).

1. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the Undergraduate Major Change Bulletin #10 (Exhibits Z Z1) – G. Crouch
No Discussion

2. Recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee to approve the proposed change to the Faculty Manual regarding Non-Tenure Track Appointments (Exhibits C C1) – B. Walker
No Discussion

3. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Graduate Major Change Bulletin #9 (Exhibit D) – T. Salsbury/D. Potts
No Discussion

4. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the Online Graduate Certificate in Strategic Communication (Exhibits E E1) – T. Salsbury/D. Potts
No Discussion

5. Recommendation from the Research & Arts Committee to approve the Alexandra Navrotsky Institute for Experimental Thermodynamics (Exhibits F F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7) – T. Barry/B. John Mariadoss
No Discussion
VI. Constituents’ Concerns.

A concern was raised regarding conflicting information received from administration and what is reported in the Daily Evergreen about the debt forgiveness to CAS, where and how the debt was going to be absorbed and why the same was not offered to units like CAHNRS and Murrow who just completed dean searches. It was noted this issue would be brought to the attention of administration for clarification.

A question regarding email addresses being changed. It was noted that this is for conversion to Office 365 and for maintaining security.

VII. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Amy Nielsen, Executive Secretary