Faculty Senate Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 13, 2017

The Faculty Senate was called to order by A.G. Rud, Chair on Thursday April 13, 2017, in FSHN T101 at 3:30 p.m. forty (40) members were present with ten (10) absent and nine (9) nonvoting members present.

I move that the University Faculty recommend to the President and the Board of Regents that, effective at the closing dates for each graduating class, those undergraduate and professional students who have completed degree requirements and whose names remain on the “Official List of Degree Candidates” be advanced to the degrees set above their names as members of the classes of May 2017, August 2017, and December 2017. Motion Carried

I move that the University Faculty recommend to the President and the Board of Regents that, effective at the closing dates for each graduating class, those graduate students who have completed degree requirements and whose names remain on the “Official List of Degree Candidates” be advanced to the degrees set above their names as members of the classes of May 2017, August 2017, and December 2017. Motion Carried

Minutes of March 30 2017 meeting were approved as circulated.

Announcements (Information items).

Information Items.

1. Minor Change Bulletin #11 (Exhibit B)
2. The Graduate Studies Committee has approved updated Bylaws for the Clinical and Translational Sciences department which are available on the department’s website which are available on the department’s website
3. Faculty Senate Meeting Dates for 2017-18

Announcements (Reports).

1. Remarks by AG Rud
   Jeannette Mageo was elected as Chair-elect.
   We received a thank you letter from ESF College of Medicine Founding Dean John Tomkowiak
   Provided a report on his WSU Vancouver visit

2. Remarks President Schulz
3. Remarks by Melanie Neuilly, Interim co-chair for CSW

Additions or Changes to the Agenda. Motion to move Discussion Item #1 and #3 to Action Items #1. It was noted that Discussion Item #2 and Action Item #8 are the same document and that Graduate Studies Committee has no objection to being approved.
Agenda Items (Action Items)

A. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the Undergraduate Major Change Bulletin #11 (Exhibits NN, NN1, Addendum 1 NN2, Addendum 1 NN3, Addendum 2 NN4) – G. Crouch
Motion Carried

2. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the UCORE Bulletin #6 (Exhibit OO) – G. Crouch
Motion Carried

3. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the revision to Rules 55, Change of Majors (Exhibit PP, PP1) – G. Crouch
Motion Carried

4. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the revision to Rules 56, Decertification and Recertification (Exhibits QQ, QQ1) – G. Crouch
Motion Carried

5. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the update on Academic Regulation 15, Credit by Examinations and Proposed Academic Regulation 17, Prior Learning Credit (Exhibits RR, RR1) – G. Crouch
Motion Carried

6. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the Extension of Professional Science and Technology Writing Certificate to WSU Tri-Cities (Exhibit SS) – G. Crouch
Motion Carried

7. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the Extension of Molecular Biosciences Certificate to WSU Vancouver Exhibit TT) – G. Crouch
Motion Carried

8. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the Updated “Statement of Institutional Responsibility to Current Students When an Academic Program or Degree is Discontinued” (Exhibits UU, UU1, UU2) – G. Crouch
Motion Carried

9. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the New Policy on Moratorium or Suspension of Academic or Certificate Programs (Exhibits VV, VV1) G. Crouch, T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
Motion Carried

10. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the Revised Graduate Track for the PhD/MS in Veterinary Clinical Training/Clinical and Translational Sciences (Exhibits XX, XX1, XX2) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
Motion Carried

11. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Graduate Major Change Bulletin #11 (Exhibit ZZ, Addendum 1 ZZ1) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
Motion Carried
12. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve Material Science and Engineering Program Revised Graduation requirement for PhD. (Exhibit EEE, EEE1) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
Motion Carried

13. Recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee to approve the Executive Policy #29 (Exhibits DDD, DDD1) – B.Walker
Motion Carried

14. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the Extension of Quantitative Biology Certificate (Exhibit C) – G. Crouch
Motion Carried

15. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the proposal to Drop the Master’s International Program (Peace Corps) (Exhibits F, F1) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury

Agenda Items (Discussion Items).

1. Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the Extension of Quantitative Biology Certificate (Exhibit C) – G. Crouch
Motion to move to Action Item #14. Motion carried

2. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve. Educational Policies and Procedures Manual update – Statement of Institutional Responsibility to Current Students When An Academic Program or Degree is Discontinued (Exhibits E, E1, E2) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury – Note this was approved by committee chair and was approved as Action Item 8.

3. Recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee to approve the proposal to Drop the Master’s International Program (Peace Corps) (Exhibits F, F1) – T. Chauvin/T. Salsbury
Motion to move to Action Item #15. Motion carried

4. VI. Constituents' Concerns.

A concern was raised on the proposed new online course evaluations for students. The instructor will be provided the names of the students who complete the evaluation and instructors are encouraged to offer incentive – including extra credit. The first is a concern for confidentiality of the students’ feedback and many questions tying completing the evaluation to the student’s grade. It was noted the chair advised this will be reviewed over the summer and will provide a follow up next Fall.

A concern via email was raised on the following:
1. Presently in the Faculty Manual, in cases of nonreappointment, tenure, promotion, and termination for reason of program discontinuance or financial exigency, faculty have thirty (30) calendar days after notification of non-reappointment by the provost to petition the FSC to review decisions (pp. 45, 47, 57, & 68).

Constituents request that the Faculty Manual be changed from "thirty (30) calendar days" to "thirty (30) business days," so that faculty have thirty (30) business days to petition the FSC to
review decisions regarding nonreappointment, tenure, promotion, and termination for reason of program discontinuance or financial exigency.

2. Presently at WSU, benefits in domestic partnerships are treated differently than in marital partnerships. Employee health premiums of domestic partners are treated as taxable income (unless apparently the partner is a dependent), whereas they are not taxable for married couples.

Constituents request that benefits in domestic partnerships be the same as in marital partnerships.
It was noted the Executive officers will follow up on these concerns.

Speaker Cary Nelson will be presenting to faculty on May 1st on May 2nd.

VII. Adjournment.
The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Sheila Converse, Executive Secretary