

**Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2015
EH 101**

Senators/Reps in attendance:

Aparna Palmer, Johnny Snyder, Dan Schultz-Ela, Chad Middleton, Josh Butler, Jack Delmore, Lisa Friel, TJ Gerlach, Megan Glynn, Elizabeth Sharp, Genell Stites, Sarah Swedberg, Laney Wooster, Gayla Jo Slauson, James Ayers, Anne Bledsoe

Senators/Reps absent:

Connor Boe

Guests in attendance:

Steve Werman, Academic Affairs; Tonya Chapin, UCC Chair; Kristin Rose, Distance Education; Don Carpenter, GCC

Minutes Recorder: Melinda J. Scott

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN

Meeting was called to order by President Aparna Palmer at 3:32pm. Senators were reminded to sign the Roll Call sheet on the clipboard.

II. CONSENT AGENDA (Items to Accept)

- A. WCCC Curriculum Committee Minutes (4.14.15)
- B. Faculty Success Committee Minutes (2.16.15)
- C. Faculty Success Committee Minutes (4.14.15)

Motion: to accept all items on the Consent Agenda as listed above. (Swedberg /Middleton); motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: These items will be on the first agenda of Fall 2015 term when Faculty Senate meetings resume.

III. APPROVE SENATE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (4.16.15)

Motion: to approve the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2015. (Butler/Sharp); motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: The Faculty Social held at The Point Friday, April 17, was deemed a success. The cake was appreciated, and the Bingo game “fun”—if highly competitive.

Motion: to move Item V: Standing Committee Minutes to be the next item of discussion on the agenda. (Sharp /Glynn); motion carried unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION (EH 243 at 4PM)

- A. “Academic Freedom and Job Security: You Can’t Have One without the Other”
(Suzanne Hudson and Margaret LeCompte)

Senators attended the presentation in Escalante Hall, room 243.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES TO APPROVE

A. Library Advisory Committee Minutes (2.9.15)

Motion: to approve the Library Advisory Committee Minutes of February 9, 2015. (Ayers/Swedberg); motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: The Tomlinson Library will be open to students during the final month of 2015. The entire collection should be restored to the building by the end of December 2015.

B. Curriculum Policies and Procedures Manual (4.9.15)

Motion: to approve the Curriculum Policies and Procedures Manual adopted May 7, 2015. (Butler/Middleton); motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Most notable amendments to the document include formatting, matching terminology used in related materials and incorporation of the recently adopted Essential Learning curriculum.

C. Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes (4.8.15)

Motion: to approve the Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes of April 8, 2015. (Friel/Schultz-Ela); motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: The student outcomes listed at the end of these minutes have been reviewed by Faculty Senate in a previous meeting.

D. Graduate Curriculum Committee Annual Report (4.8.15)

Motion: to approve the Graduate Curriculum Committee Annual Report dated April 8, 2015. (Friel/Schultz Ela); motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Chair Don Carpenter warned the Senate, “You will see this again in the fall” as part of the combined curriculum committees annual report.

E. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes (4.9.15)

Motion: to approve the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes of April 9, 2015. (Ayers/Sharp); motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Ayers extended congratulations to Chair Tonya Chapin and the rest of the UCC for their painstaking work on the Essential Learning modifications to the undergraduate curriculum.

Motion: to move Item VI: Continuing Business to be the next item of discussion on the agenda.

(Ayers /Middleton); motion carried unanimously.

VI. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Nominations and Voting on 2015-2016 Faculty Senate leadership

The nomination and voting procedure was conducted by Vice President Snyder.

The nominations were as follows:

President Elect: Johnny Snyder

Vice President: Josh Butler

Secretary: Dan Schultz-Ela

Motion: to elect the nominees listed through unanimous consent. (Ayers /Swedberg); motion carried unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Standing Committee Voting (Johnny Snyder)

[Hand-out: “Senate Standing Committee Ballot: May 2015”]

Vice President Snyder pointed out that all vacated committee positions for Fall 2015 have nominees, and if required, from groups A, B and C. Only three positions are uncontested.

Discussion ensued concerning high interest and sufficient capabilities of some of the nominees.

Senators voted and ballots were collected by Vice President Snyder. Middleton and Snyder will tally the votes and relay the final results via email.

VIII. REPORTS, UPDATES & QUERIES

A. Executive Committee Report (Dan Schultz-Ela)

President Foster questioned the need for the presentation “Academic Freedom and Job Security...” and wondered if it was indicative of unrest amongst the faculty.

B. Update from President (Aparna Palmer)

It is important for colleagues across campus to see that the Faculty Senate, the UCC, the GCC and the WCCC work hard, and that the diligent efforts of these committees make an impact on the teaching environment. President Palmer will issue a recap of various committee accomplishments to the faculty body via email.

President Palmer was approached by a faculty member regarding the lack of alignment between CMU and Mesa County Valley School District 51 spring break schedules in Spring 2016. This mismatch poses a hardship for university parents with children in school. This issue will probably resurface for consideration in Fall 2015.

Also returning for discussion in Fall 2015 is the issue of multi-year contracts for contingent (.8) faculty.

**Motion: to thank President Aparna Palmer for her outstanding guidance of the Faculty Senate during the 2014-2015 academic year.
(Ayers/Butler); motion carried unanimously.**

IX. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting of May 7, 2015 (Ayers).

Meeting adjourned at 4:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recorder