

**Preliminary Minutes of Faculty Senate  
January 22, 2016**

**Present:** Stuntz, Branson, Fiaud, Ambrose, Alex, Baker, Blodgett, Combs, Commissiong, Craig, Crandall, DeButte, DeOtte, Dursun-Kilic, Hartin, King, Klaehn, Lee, Lust, Meredith, Nam, Osei-Hwere, Ottoson.

**Absent:** Wilson, Hindman, Shao.

**Guest:** Laurie Sharp (substituting for Hindman)

Meeting called to order at 12:15pm in Room 14 (Eternal Flame) of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

1. Minutes from November 20 meeting
  - a. Approved unanimously
  
2. Old business
  - a. Report from Constitutional Committee
    - I. No new information
  
3. New Business
  - a. Faculty Development Leave Applications
    - a. 3 applications:
      - i. Dr. Kunz & Dr. Doty were recommended for Faculty development leave
  
  - b. Vote for ESS faculty member for the Scholarship committee and student Endowment Scholarship committee to replace Jovana Vukovic.
    - a. Student Endowment Scholarship committee: Ashley Pinkham nominated and elected unanimously
    - b. Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee: Laurie Sharp nominated and elected unanimously
  
  - c. Other?
    - a. Crosswalk danger concerns on Russell Long.
    - b. Graduations: Alternate times to be fair
    - c. Checking the patterns of repeat failure rate for professors for tenure or post tenure review?
      - i. Already in some form in the tenure and post tenure process. Grade distributions are reported too. Difficulty to determine bad teachers and bad students.
    - d. Debra Blanton (CD) will be replacing as a permanent substitute for Howard Wilson.
    - e. Bill Ambrose is a current member in place of Randy Combs
  
4. Announcements

- a. Emerging Leaders Academy survey
  - i. Purpose of committee: to look at reasons for turnover and retention in faculty and staff. Survey was distributed to faculty and staff. Survey is anonymous; paper or electronic format to the choice of the participant.
  - ii. Findings will be presented in all staff, all faculty meetings and so on.
  - iii. Share with other faculty and staff to complete the survey. Another announcement will be sent in the next 2 Fridays.
- b. Schedule for next Fall. If interested for running for president of senate, keep Tuesday and Thursday open for meetings.
- c. Dean's council and faculty senate seem to not demonstrate effective communication. Request to see if faculty senate president could attend the Dean's council to better communication. Dean's Council has not met yet, therefore no response.
  - i. How about other councils? Department head's council...
  - ii. Faculty handbook committee has been looking into that. Dead end?
- d. Campus Carry task force
  - i. Sent recommendations.
  - ii. Meeting this afternoon to finalize the recommendations from the university.
- e. Chancellor is going to be on campus next Thursday morning in Legacy Hall.

The meeting of Faculty Senate was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa A. Fiaud, Secretary

