

Faculty Senate Minutes

2021-03-26

D. Craig

Joint Faculty/Student Government committee

The meeting started with Robert King and student representatives on bookstore issues survey (reviewing questions). King noted that committee was created by Senate and Student Government.

Motion:

That the Qualtrics survey created by the committee, with an introduction as an addendum, be distributed to the Senators to be passed on to their representatives.

King moved, Medlock seconded.

Call for objections on Zoom: no objections, passed by acclamation.

Minutes

Lisa Rollin moves to accept minutes, Erick Butler seconds in chat. Minutes approved

COVID committee

Transmitted early results to senate and Provost early in spring break.

Babb: request we get results to senators, and disseminate results.

Butler: any comments to add to it (before sending out)? Do we need to normalize by colleges, etc.? What do you feel about format of presentation, etc.?

Craig suggests similar summary to earlier distribution and link to all data.

Note that early summary went out to Senator's emails on March 8. Plan on final report by next meeting, with link to all of data.

Wendler memo

Babb: I plan to send comments to Wendler soon, probably by Wednesday, so please send comments on the memo to me as soon as possible. (Based on Wendler's prompts, this issue may be nearly moot since system went to status quo on COVID policies.)

Clarification of COE and department numbers

Leitch: College of Engineering is acting as two departments, but it is still a bit unclear, probably a question for the provost.

Babb: in past, Senate representation was pair by college, should it be by colleges or departments, etc. to balance representation. Due to moderately recent change, need to clarify how representation is apportioned among colleges and departments.

Reconfiguration of Honors Council

Means of selection often has people to serve who have no close connection to Honors College. Desire to have both students and faculty that have a stake in Honors College. Lockwood proposes to make it two people vs. six.

Clark: similar to case of putting someone on graduate committee that is not graduate faculty.

Clark moves that Senate nominates two instead of six to Honors Council, Medlock seconds.

Call for objections or abstentions. Finding none, passed.

Quorum issue (from Faculty Handbook University Committee)

Does the Senate approve the definition that 50% of senators present constitutes a quorum?

Medlock moves we accept the proposal, Behl seconds.

Call for objections or abstentions. None found. Motion passed.

Committee vacancies

Due to COVID, etc., the University committee representatives need to be selected. Babb has sent spreadsheet, senators need to solicit names, and bring to senate by next time. Also let Babb/Exec committee know intention of college for elections.

Ask:

- What are intentions of college for elections? Format/venue?
- Faculty names for committees.

Magister Optimus

The administration has made a request for ordered slate rather than one selection, which seems reasonable but yields control from senate.

Craig notes that is this is against the standard rules: Magister Optimus is a recognition by the Senate on behalf of faculty.

Babb requests senators to come to next meeting with nominees to choose.

Meeting adjourned.