

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
Friday, November 4, 2022

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

Eternal Flame Room

**Attended:** Hoffmann, Eric; Pinkham, Ashley; Ghosh, Nabarun; Williams, Leslie; Guiligliemo, Manfredi; Salazar, Leslie Ramos; Tarpley, Troy; Crosman, Erik; Yarborough, Jason; Smith, Bob; Spencer, Brian; Brown, Trisha; Ambrose, Bob; Welch, Reed; Meljac, Eric; Unnikrishnan, Vinu; Reardon, Matt; Roy, Issa; Leitch, Ken; McCauley, Kelly; Humphreys, Sean; Correa, Priscella; Whaley, Brigitte

**Absent:**

**Guest(s):** Bruce Wardlow (Cornette Library)

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The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by President Ashley Pinkham. *Minutes of the 10/21/2022 meeting were considered.*

- *Motion to approve: Ken Leitch*
- *Second: Matt Reardon*
- *Motion passed*

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

### **Reports from Faculty Senate committees**

- **Handbook Committee**

The revisions for the handbook committee have been submitted. Any new proposed changes will be sent back to the Senate for further consideration.

### **Applications for the Piper Professor**

There are two current nominations. It is mentioned that the candidates are only to complete part B of the form. Pinkham mentions that as soon as the third applicant uploads their materials, we will review them and pass along our recommendation to Dr. Wendler.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Guest Bruce Wardlow/OER and open-access materials**

Bruce gave a presentation on open educational resources (OER). Meljac mentions that teachers of Shakespeare need very up-to-date resources due to the dynamic nature of the scholarship on

the subject. He emphasizes that OER would, for these reasons, be extremely difficult in this and related subject areas. Bruce mentions that he strives to highlight specific cases of where faculty are making progress in finding cost-reducing solutions in order to compile them and share them with faculty at large. Leitch asks about editing help and resources that may be available to faculty creating their own OER resources. Bruce responds that bigger universities do in fact have professional editors specifically for OER purposes, but support for faculty at WTAMU is still something that he is looking into for the future. Pinkham mentions the problems that arise using OER such as broken links or resources not being available from one semester to the next. Bruce acknowledges that this does sometimes happen, but that the library is prepared to step in and help in these cases. Bob Smith adds the library is actively doing an assessment on those databases which they are in danger of losing, and that faculty should actively provide feedback as to those databases that are most useful to them. Ken Leitch mentioned that one drawback from OER resources is the lack of accessibility for those with disabilities. Bruce acknowledges this.

*Sean Humpherys proposes: Senate members lead by example for other faculty and consider OER options via having personal consultations with Bruce.*

*Second: Erik Crosman*

*Abstentions: 4*

*Vote passes.*

- **Feedback on health/dental insurance**

Discussion on this will be pushed back until the next meeting. It is encouraged to meet with our constituent faculty members to get some feedback.

- **Provost meetings with third-year review/T&P candidates**

Pinkham mentions the fact that the provost has met with T&P candidates in the middle of the T&P process, and raises the issue as to whether the timing of these is appropriate. Senate members are encouraged to reach out to our constituent faculty and gather feedback as to what their thoughts are on this process. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION/COMMENTS**

None

- *Motion to adjourn: Mejac*
- *Second: Humpherys*
- *Meeting adjourned at: 1:27 p.m.*

Respectfully,  
Eric Hoffmann