

**Minutes of Faculty Senate**  
**October 23, 2015**

**Present:** Stuntz, Fiaud, Ambrose, Alex, Baker, Craig, Crandall, DeButte, DeOtte, Dursun-Kilic, Hartin, King, Klaehn, Lee, Meredith, Osei-Hwere, Ottoson, Shao.

**Absent:** Branson, Blodgett, Combs, Commissiong, Hindman, Lust, Nam, Howard.

**Guests:** Reed Welch (for Commissiong),  
Veteran's Network Information - Laura Schulze

Meeting called to order at 12:16pm in Room 14 (Eternal Flame) of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

1. Laura Schulze: Veteran's Network Information
  - a. Intent for change: VA appointments difficult to get. Protect the students to make sure they have access to the needed medication. Missed excuses allowance.
  - b. Questions?
    - i. None
  - c. Spread the word to faculty
  - d. Reviewed by Dr. O'Brien, Dr. Shaffer, and deans
  - e. WTAMU pilot school. 1<sup>st</sup> school in Texas to have that rule in place.
2. Minutes approved
  - a. Approved unanimously
3. Old business
  - b. Report from Constitutional Committee
    - i. Check faculty handbook for teaching types (p28-29).
      1. Fixed term faculty (all)
      2. Adjuncts or external non-teaching
      3. Part-time instructors
      4. Instructors
      5. Tenure track
      6. Non tenure track
    - ii. Breakdown of faculty numbers by type.
      1. Suggestion to use the term "full-time faculty"?
    - iii. Suggestions on how to apportion
      1. Suggestion to have a constitutional convention (all faculty) to see who would come and give suggestions.
  - c. Piper professor nominations
    - i. Dr. Stuntz will contact Ann Macy to confirm
  - d. Report on President's reaction to letter to Registrar
    - i. President O'Brien expressed that faculty should be involved in student's retention at WTAMU.
  - e. Other: None

#### 4. New Business

- a. Replace Mark Bartley on the Student Fee Advisory Committee
  - i. Sean Pullen elected with majority votes
- b. Elect member from ECSM to Instructional Technology Committee.
  - i. Ken Leach: Unanimous vote
- c. Proposed change to Faculty Handbook\*
  - i. The initial hire letter and yearly faculty appointment letters of most if not all full time instructors do not include research. Most if not all instructors do not get paid or get release time to do research. To propose that the range for Intellectual Contributions for faculty not in tenure positions (found on p. 44) be 0% - 20% (instead of the 5% - 20% that is there now).
  - ii. Motion to discuss
    - a. Possibility of contractual conflict
    - b. Should not be penalized for something not obligated to do
    - c. 1 abstention, no opposed, all others for.
- d. Report from Wellness Committee
  - a. 2 meetings. One with Dr. O'Brien and 1 with representatives from BCBS.
    - i. Discussion on how to improve and disseminate information regarding wellness on campus.
    - ii. Request for suggestions from senators.
- e. Faculty Development Applications due soon
  - a. December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - b. Needs to have administrative approval
  - c. Needs to be sent to the senate to be voted on
- f. Magister Optimus
  - a. Later in the Spring but start thinking about someone
- g. Report from the Texas Council of Faculty Senates\*\*
  - a. Faculty senates are powerful on other campuses; set budgets, procedures, hiring standards,... In contrast with WTAMU. Suggestions on how to extend some power. Dr. O'Brien has expressed being ok with the faculty senate being more proactive.
  - b. WTAMU has been working on issues that other schools are just starting on.
  - c. 2 meetings / year
  - d. All very concerned with campus carry
- h. <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/PDF/6862.PDF>
- i. <http://www.aera.net/Newsroom/NewsReleasesandStatements/AERAandASHEJointResolutiononTenureandAcademicFreedominWisconsin/tabid/16004/Default.aspx>
- j. Concealed Carry

k. Other?

- a. Committees that are inactive; Kilic will attempt to get a list and bring it to senate.

5. Announcements

- l. Concealed Carry Meetings: Wednesday, Oct. 28, 5-6:30 p.m. Amarillo Center, Room 1003; Thursday, Oct. 29, Noon-1:30 p.m. JBK, White Room; Thursday, Oct. 29 5-6:30 p.m. JBK, White Room
- m. The Fall Carnival will be on Saturday, October 31st from 6-8 p.m. at the Buffalo Sports Park parking lot. Trunk or Treat
- n. Other? None

The meeting of Faculty Senate was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa A. Fiaud, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa A. Fiaud". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "V".