

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Thursday, April 25, 2013  
Library 209 A&B

Dr. Fergeson called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. Lee Bidwell	Dr. David Lehr	Dr. Ken Perkins
Dr. Stephanie Buchert	Dr. David Locascio	Dr. Jeannine Perry
Dr. David Buckalew	Dr. David Magill	Dr. Lissa Power-deFur
Dr. Theresa Clark	Dr. Ruth Meese	Dr. Melissa Rhoten
Dr. Joe Garcia	Mr. Mike Mergen	Dr. Leah Shilling-Traina
Dr. Lily Goetz	Dr. Jo Morrison	Dr. Kim Stern
Dr. Jackie Hall	Ms. Suzy Palmer	Dr. Chris Swanson
Dr. Jeff Halliday	Ms. Tatiana Pashkova-	Dr. William Thomson
Dr. Linda Lau	Balkenhol	Dr. Linda Wright

Members not attending were Dr. Paul Barrett, Mr. Ken Copeland, Dr. Melody Eaton, Dr. Alix Fink, Dr. Gene Muto, Dr. Tim Pierson, Dr. Charles Ross, Dr. Wayne White, and Ms. Heather Monger. Also present were Dr. Consuelo Alvarez, Ms. Joanna Baker, Dr. Chuck Blauvelt, Dr. Phil Cantrell, Ms. Kathy Charleston, Dr. Doug Dalton, Ms. Virginia Kinman, Dr. Mark Lenker, Ms. Sharon Menegoni, Dr. Jake Milne, Dr. Kristen Nugent, Ms. Stephanie Rowland, Dr. Meg Thompson, and Dr. Charles White.

The minutes of the meeting on April 11, 2013, were approved as posted.

Dr. Fergeson introduced new and reelected Senators for the coming year: Dr. Tom Akre, Dr. Philip Cantrell, Ms. Emily Cox, Ms. Cindy Crews, Dr. Jackie Hall, Dr. Jeff Halliday, Dr. David Locascio, Dr. David Magill, Dr. Jake Milne, Dr. Kristen Nugent, and Dr. Meg Thompson.

Dr. Fergeson recognized Dr. Meese who moved approval for graduation of all those candidates who have successfully completed the requirements for their degrees. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Fergeson opened the floor for nominations for chair of the Faculty Senate for the coming year. Dr. Goetz nominated Dr. Lehr. There were no further nominations and Dr. Lehr was elected. Dr. Magill was elected Deputy Chair without opposition. Dr. Meese was elected without opposition. Dr. Hall nominated Dr. Leah Shilling –Traina, Dr. Wright nominated Dr. Lau, and Dr. Magill nominated Dr. Cantrell. Dr. Shilling-Traina was elected. Dr. Wright nominated Dr. Lau and Dr. Magill nominated Dr. Cantrell for the fifth Executive Committee member. Dr. Cantrell was elected.

Ms. Menegoni presented the EPC report which had no action items. She announced that she expected that the B.S. in Environmental Sciences would be on SCHEV's agenda on May 21. She also explained that the new nursing program was being held until a committee to be appointed by Dr. Perkins could develop an Experiential Learning policy for the University.

Dr. Bidwell announced the members of the Faculty Status and Grievances Committee for the coming year: continuing is Dr. Leigh Lunsford (2014). Elected as a one-year replacement was Dr. David Buckalew (2014), and elected for two-year terms were Dr. Jennifer Apperson (2015), Dr. Audrey Church (2015), and Dr. Lisa Kinzer (2015) who will chair the committee for the coming year. Alternates are Dr. Cheryl Adkins, Dr. Doug Dalton, Dr. Scott Cole, and Dr. Bill Harbour.

Dr. Fergeson called on Dr. Lehr for the Promotion and Tenure Policies and Procedures Committee who moved the approval of changes to the contradictory wording in the *FPPM* about the possibility of counting years of service as lecturer if a person becomes tenure-track (posted on the web page). After one correction, the deletion on p. 83 of "Time spent at the lecturer rank does not count toward tenure or promotion (although," the motion passed.

Dr. Goetz then moved making the wording for Clinical educators (J. 5, p. 86) parallel to that for lecturers: "The clinical educator rank is a non tenure track appointment. ~~Time spent at the clinical educator rank does not count toward tenure or promotion (although a clinical educator who is later appointed to a tenure track position may request a reduced probationary period, in accordance with the procedures in the *FPPM*).~~ A clinical educator who is later appointed to a tenure track position **may seek up to three years credit towards tenure based upon prior teaching, scholarship, and service as in Section III.G.6 of the *FPPM*.**" The motion was seconded and passed.

For the Committee on Finance and Planning, Dr. Lenker moved several changes to that committee (posted on the web page):

1. Deletion of the President's Advisory Committee on Planning and Budget (*FPPM*, pp. 195-6).
2. Revision of the description of the Committee on Finance and Planning (*FPPM*, p. 170)
3. Revision of Senate By-laws, Article XIV—Committee on Finance and Planning (*FPPM*, p. 152)

All three items passed.

For the Executive Committee, Dr. Shilling-Traina moved the approval of a change to Article VII, Section 5 of the Senate By-laws which extends the allowable years of consecutive committee service from 5 to 6. The motion passed.

Dr. Fergeson called on Dr. Magill who for the Executive Committee moved revisions to the description of area coordinators and their duties. Their name will be changed to program coordinators, there are changes to the list of duties, and clarification of the possibilities for compensation (posted on the web page). Dr. Power-deFur moved the inclusion of "and/or summer compensation" after the word *load* in the third paragraph. The amendment passed and the main motion passed.

For the Executive Committee Dr. Lehr moved revisions of the attendance policy (posted on the web page) to bring it in line with Student Health Care practices and to be consistent with the policy as stated in the Student Handbook. The motion passed.

Dr. Lissa Power-deFur moved passage of revisions to the External Grant and Sponsored Research policy (#4103) passed by the Senate on February 14 (revised document posted on the web page). Revisions were needed to II.A and II.E so that the policy would conform to practice and accurately reflect responsibilities. The motion was seconded and the revisions passed.

Dr. Fergeson explained a problem that the Executive Committee had discussed—the problems some faculty were having in trying to distribute surveys by students engaged in research. The survey fatigue syndrome has led to the limitation on such surveys at a time when the University through its QEP mandate is encouraging student research. There are fields that rely on data collection and analysis for research. After some discussion, Dr. Perkins indicated that he would work on this, and perhaps the President's Advisory Committee will take this issue up in the coming year. Dr. Perkins did indicate that a number of surveys for assessment purposed do go out to students and that the response rate is low.

Dr. Fergeson made several announcements—a correction to the information about student evaluations—the cutoff date is April 29 at 8:00 a.m. Students are getting regular reminders with the correct information. Chairs will have access to the material after the cutoff date and faculty will have access on May 13. There is concern that chairs have access before faculty members do. She also reminded Senators about filling out committee preference sheets and asked them to remind their constituencies.

Dr. Lehr thanked Dr. Fergeson for her service to the Senate and presented her with a gift basket. She received generous applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Susan May