

Faculty Senate Minutes 12/10/18

The eighth regular meeting of the 2018-2019 Faculty Senate took place on Monday, 10 December 2018, at 3:10pm in 123 Hathaway Hall.

NAME	Attendance	Department	Office
Shawn Lucas	PRESENT	Ag, Communities, and Env	Academic Policies
Leigh Whittinghill	PRESENT	Ag, Communities, and Env	Chair, Curriculum
Richard Cristan		Ag, Communities, and Env	
Ken Semmens		Aqu and Aquatic Sci	Vice Chair, Bud &Ac
Herman Walston	PRESENT	Fam and Cons Sci	Professional Concern
Erin Gilliam (Parliamentarian)	PRESENT	Soc and Beh Sci	Vice Chair, Acad Pol
Mara Merlino (Vice President)		Soc and Beh Sci	Professional Concern
Jyotica Batra	EXCUSED	Math and Comp Sci	Academic Policies
Clifton Wise	PRESENT	Math and Comp Sci	Professional Concern
Caroline Gibson		Hum and Perf Arts	

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:13pm, with quorum.
2. Approval of Agenda: The age

the main contract would not work without the other contract. There s no sense in buying one without the other. The secondary contract is for a 24-hour call center for students with admissions questions to contact the university.

- o A Senator asked if these contracts would serve only undergraduate applicants. McFayden replied yes, only undergrads.

Financials: Fifth Third Bank: we lost over a million dollars. No matter where they position us, we always do better than the market. McFayden advocates getting rid of Fifth Third and getting a new portfolio manager to improve the performance of our investments. We pay Fifth Third, our primary portfolio manager, yet other institutions are outperforming us on their portfolios. Now we have a report generated by the foundation, which indicates better performance.

Audit report: we had some findings, recurring but not significant, about processes and procedures. There were far fewer findings than in the last few years.

6. Curriculum Committee Leigh Whittinghill: Chair Whittinghill reported on the following items:

FSCC 18-19-12 ROTC/JROTC New Courses in ROTC: The ROTC program is doing a lot of work to revise our program to match up with the national ROTC program in Washington. This lack of alignment has caused issues with student tuition not getting reimbursed. Several former courses will be replaced with 11 new courses.

**VOTE: voice vote: unanimous yes with no abstentions**

FSCC 18-19-13 New courses in Education: These new courses are part of the new program in Teacher-Leader Training.

- o Moffett asked, will these courses complement the new center in Teacher-Leader Training? Whittinghill replied yes, but they were not designed to do so.
- o Moffett asked if additional faculty will be needed to teach these courses. Whittinghill replied no, they will be taught by current faculty in the department.
- o A Senator asked whether some of our current course listings could be utilized in this new degree program? Using currently offered courses might keep students from taking on more courses. Kevin Jones, Interim Chair of the School of Education and Human Development responded that they were encouraged by JCPS (Jefferson County School System) /EPSB (Education Professional Standards Board) not to have any overlap with the current curriculum.
- o A Senator asked, when do you expect to launch this program? Jones answered, probably the fall, but earlier would be summer. There is some pressure to move this forward due to the real need for it in the Jefferson County School System.
- o A Senator noted that any new program does have to be opened up for public comment, so this summer may be optimistic.
- o A Senator asked, is there any additional funding for library resources for this program? The budget of the library is not equipped to support graduate programs. There was no response to this question.

**VOTE: voice vote: unanimous yes with no abstentions**

FSCC 18-19- -Leader: There are three sets of courses in this program. Jefferson County Schools is trying to raise their teachers to a higher caliber in urban-based teaching. There is a curriculum ladder at the end of the Action Item

document. Students will choose their preferred of two tracks after they take the general courses in the program.

- Moffett asked, why do the courses have different prefixes? Jones replied that in order for teacher certification, the classes have to be coded in a standard way.
- A Senator asked,

- A Senator noted that he has heard that we have only two or three officers on

Midterm grades: Provost Yates would like to have a grade put into Blackboard by week 3

APC is working on an Action Item on this.

- A Senator asked, would Academic Affairs be looking for a substantial grade? Moffett replied that the Provost is concerned that students have no feedback early in the semester. McKay added that there are certain technologies like Blackboard that faculty need to use to ensure student success. Some faculty do not use Blackboard because they lack training; APC will be looking at implementing more Bb trainings. The committee has spoken to Dr. Emanuel, the Blackboard Coordinator, and she said there will be more trainings. Additionally, students adding late has caused at the beginning of the semester.

5 minutes were added to the APC discussion.

Midterm Exams: There was a discussion about whether midterm exams are necessary. McKay explained that the midsemester grade is more of a formality for Academic Affairs to have a grade in Wired at mid-semester, but that faculty do not have to give an exam at that time.

9. Budget and Academic Support Committee Phillip Clay: Chair Clay reported on the following items:

The committee has constructed a classroom inventory checklist. Each building faculty work/teach in has been assessed, except Exum. Clay is putting all the reports in a spreadsheet, including comments/notes. Bradford needs serious upgrades, as well as Exum. There are issues with mold and non-functioning equipment. We have graduation coming up and there are things not working in the auditorium. Clay will present a summary and disseminate it to all campus stakeholders.

- Moffett noted that classroom issues are just basic things sometimes, like not being able to turn off the lights in Hathaway to watch a film clip.

The committee is still seeking to get a copy of the Instructional Budget from the Administration.

PCC has dealt with the e-text issue: the Pearson contract has been terminated.

- A Senator asked, is this termination effective immediately? Moffett replied that the contract extends through Summer, 2019.
- A Senator asked, how much did it cost to get out of the contract? Moffett replied that it was free because both Pearson and the university decided to end the contract, so they did not charge us.
- A Senator asked, where are textbooks going to come from after the contract expires? Moffett replied that this has not yet been determined Pearson through June.

The topics next to be discussed in PCC are the compilation of the classroom survey and some Title III questions for the new director.

10. Faculty Ombudsman Report: Ombudsman Reilly reported on the following issues:

In the last full Senate meeting, the question came up of the progress with recovering indirect costs. Reilly met with Derek Gilmore about this issue, and he learned that the original date when the first payout was supposed to happen was October 31, but this was due to a mis-communication between ADP and Banner. Our salary and wage data is in ADP, but most of our information

11. Other Business:

A Senator asked if there is any update on the problems with the graduate applications process. Moffett responded that it seems like the departments are going back to dealing with the applications, themselves.

A Senator asked, when do faculty have to line up for graduation? Moffett replied, 8am. Rehearsal is at 4pm on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

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