

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2014 3 – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Barbara Wingo, Pradeep Kumar, Jorg Peters, Joe Glover, Marc Heft, Jeannine Brady, Sue Alvers, Margaret Temple-Smith, Paul Davenport, Reneé Goodrich, Christine Fruin, Linda Dixon and Paul Duncan.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Pradeep Kumar. The October minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Pradeep Kumar, Chair

- Dr. Kumar announced to the committee that he will be retiring on March 31, so he will be stepping down as Chair. Paul Davenport, Chair-Elect will take over as chair starting April 1, 2015.
- Dr. Kumar received a resolution from the University Libraries Committee. The resolution asked that the Faculty Senate approve a request that the UFOAP fund be reinstated. Dr. Kumar asked that the Budget Council review and report back to Steering Committee.

[Proposed Revision of Bylaw 20\(A\)\(2\)\(b\)2](#)

Christine Fruin, Chair, Constitution Committee

- Christine Fruin presented the most recent revision of Senate Bylaws. This will be added as an Information Item on the November Senate agenda.

University Curriculum Committee

- Provost Glover presented the UCC items in Bernard Mair's absence.
- [Approve Academic Calendar for 2018-2019](#) - This will be added as an Information Item on the November Senate agenda.
- [Approve Homecoming Holiday – Nov. 6, 2015](#) – Marc Heft made a motion that this item should be expedited and added as an Action Item on the November Senate agenda. The committee agreed.

Graduate Council

Paul Duncan, Assoc. Dean, Graduate School

- [New Major Sustainable Construction](#)
- [Close Major – MAT Philosophy](#)

[Campus Master Plan](#)

**Linda Dixon, Associate Director
Planning, Design and Construction**

- Linda Dixon gave a talk on what she plans to present at Faculty Senate Meeting.

Honorary Degrees

- In Stratford May's absence, Pradeep presented the honorary degree candidate. This nomination will be presented at the November Senate meeting.

Council Reports

- **Research and Scholarship Council** – Jorg Peters, Chair
 - Stephanie Gray gave information on the inflow and outflow of research dollars.
 - The majority of the IDCs are returned to the college deans.
- **Infrastructure Council** – Bradley Walters, Chair

- Council will work on its recommendation on parking privatization at the November meeting, then it will go to its standing committees, then back to the council and finally forwarded on to Steering Committee.
- Libraries as asked the council to look at open access again.
- Is there a committee that handles space utilization?
- **Academic Policy Council** – Reneé Goodrich, Chair
 - Bernard Mair provided the council with a link to the evaluations website that showed the student response rate for online course evaluations. The council thought that the data should be broken down more than what it shows online and asked for more information
 - UFOonline is getting an advisory committee. APC suggested that someone from that committee should sit on the APC.
 - Pradeep explained that six members were appointed by the deans and six by the Faculty Senate.
- **Budget Council** – Florin Curta, Chair
 - Budget Council is working on an online template for college budget councils. They will also generate a set of guidelines and best practices to assist users of the budget template.
 - Items for future meetings are: Dec – RCM 101; Jan – RCM Assessment; Feb – UFOonline; Mar – The Budget as a whole.
 - The Council also plans to create a manual for new council members.
 - Budget Council reviewed the ULC resolution that was charged to them. Members didn't think that it comes under Budget Council's responsibilities and that it should go to Research and Scholarship Council. The Council gave Florin approval to report back to Steering that this resolution is premature and that there has not been enough discussion on the issue.
 - Marc Heft noted that the Open Access issue has been going on for a long time. Back in 2012-2013, Cheri Brodeur created an Open Access Task Force to review the most recent draft of an Open Access Policy. When Marc was Chair (2013-2014), the ULC revised the draft again. Marc and the Provost sent it to each of the college deans requesting: (1) vote (y/n) of their faculty and (2) comments from the faculty about the policy. He thinks received about 5-6 responses with the majority not in favor.
 - Marc pointed out that conversations need to be in the colleges due to all the different disciplines.

Agenda for the November 20 Faculty Senate meeting was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.