

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2015 3 – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Pradeep Kumar, Sylvan Dore, Joe Glover, Barbara Wingo, Ana Spiguel, Paul Davenport, Bradley Walters, Marc Heft, Chris Hass, Jorg Peters, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Sue Alvers, Bernard Mair, Margaret Temple-Smith, Florin Curta and Nicole Stedman

- The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Pradeep Kumar. The January minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Pradeep Kumar, Chair

- Pradeep distributed Governor's [state budget information](#) to the members that he received at the ACFS (Advisory Council on Faculty Senates) meeting.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- As part of his report, Provost Glover continued Dr. Kumar's discussion on the state budget. He noted that the Governor's Budget does not include raises.
- Some current bills in the Legislature are textbook affordability, and moving control of graduate and tuition rates from the Board of Trustees and to the Board of Governors.
- Plans are to put Norman Hall on the PECO list for assistance.

[Concealed Weapons on Campus](#)

Sylvan Dore, Senator, Medicine

- In response to [HB 4005](#), Sylvan Dore asked the Senate to pass a resolution against concealed weapons on campus. After a long discussion the Steering Committee decided to forward [a resolution](#) to the Senate as an action item for the February 26 meeting. Marc Heft made the motion with a second by Jeanne Brady.

[Professor of Practice Proposal](#)

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
Academic and Faculty Affairs

- Dr. Kwolek-Folland presented a draft proposal for a new faculty title series. This was requested by the academic deans to explore the creation of a non-tenure eligible faculty title series emphasizing relevant industry/professional experience. She asked that the proposal go on to the councils for feedback.

Council Reports

- **Welfare Council** – Chris Hass, Chair
 - Council will meet Tuesday with guest Dr. Jennifer Smith, Director, Office of Faculty Development and Teaching Excellence. Another item on the agenda is the development of two graduate mentoring seminars for new faculty orientation and CALS.
- **Budget Council** – Florin Curta, Chair
 - Budget is continuing to work on an online template for college budget committees. The council is working closely with Mike McKee and Greg Dubois.
- **Research and Scholarship Council** – Jorg Peters
 - SCORS will meet next week.
- **Infrastructure Council** – Bradley Walters, Chair
 - No report but will meet in a couple weeks.

Agenda for the February 26 Faculty Senate meeting was approved

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.