

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2015 3 – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Gillian Lord, Nicole Stedman, Sue Alvers, Rick Yost, Ana Spiguel, Karen Whalen, Jeanne Brady, Paul Richards, Steve Slosky, Beverly Sanders, and Maggie Temple-Smith.

- The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Nicole Stedman, Chair-Elect and the October minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Nicole Stedman, Chair-Elect

- Due to the Board of Trustee meeting, the December Steering Committee meeting is on Wednesday, December 2 instead of Thursday.
- Climate Survey was launched Oct 27, please make sure you fill it out.
- Homecoming is the weekend

Honorary Degrees

Rick Yost, Chair, Honorary Degrees Committee

- Rick Yost presented two candidates for Honorary Degree. These nominations will go before the Senate at the November meeting.

Program Termination

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Programs

[Packaging Science BS Program](#)

- Angela Lindner presented a program termination for Packaging Science BS Program.

Council Reports

- **Welfare Council** – Karen Whalen
 - Continued work on the Faculty Club. Bradley Walters is to attend November meeting.
 - Discussed the Faculty Ombuds. College of Medicine is in the process of advertising for its own Ombuds. Faculty Senate Chair asked the Council for a recommendation about the idea of each college having its own ombuds.
 - Agreed to approve a resolution on the Music Building Issue. The council will finalize a resolution at its November meeting.
- **Research and Scholarship Council** – Gillian Lord
 - The council didn't finish the presentation about the Office of Research. Plans are to complete this at the December meeting.
 - Small grants and IDCs will be discussed with Stephanie Gray at the next meeting.
 - Due to a lack of projects, the members decided to chat with the Research Deans of colleges to see if they have suggestions.
- **Infrastructure Council** – Bradley Walters
 - Parking and Transportation plans to build a 5-7 story garage on the McCarty surface lot. Plans are to start work in about 18 months. Another garage in the HSC and Vet Med area are planned.
 - The change in car pool parking has been in improvement. Now car pool parking is available from 7 – 9:30 a.m. After 9:30 a.m. the spaces are open to other decals.
 - Newell Hall design and construction to start 2016 with completion planned for spring 2017.
 - Council reviewed Faculty Club amenities.

- Discussion about the School of Music deficiencies.
- **Academic Policy Council** – Beverly Sanders, Chair
 - The council invited Steve Pritz, the Registrar, to the meeting discuss how the academic calendar is decided and ways to change some of the holidays. After hearing all of the constraints in planning the calendar, the council had a hard time suggesting changes.
 - Many faculty have asked that the university change the T/TH time periods to 1.5 hours. Currently T/TH periods are one or two hours on both days. It was pointed out that that there are many classes that are not 3 hr courses. The registrar will ask the other AAU university what they do and report back in December.
 - Evie Cummings, Director of UFOonline, will present at the December Faculty Senate meeting.

Agenda for the November 19, 2015 Faculty Senate meeting was approved

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.