

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2016 3 – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Paul Davenport, Ann Wehmeyer, Sylvain Dore, Joe Glover, Jim Seale, Sue Alvers, Nicole Stedman, David Quillen, Ray Thomas, Toby Shore, Jeanne Brady, Toby Shore, Susan Schaffer, Paul Duncan, Susan France, Justin Morlin, JC Maur, Robert Reese, and Gary McGill.

Nicole Stedman called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. After introductions, the April 28th minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Nicole Stedman, Chair

- Reminder to please participate in the climate survey forums and town halls.
- The Senate is in the process of planning the Academic Freedom Symposium for the end of October.
- Distinguished Professor Lecture Series will start again in the fall.
- Discussions and initiatives will include communication, wellness and stress, and space.
 - Launching of the Senate Orange and Blue monthly newsletter highlighting key decisions and information items of the Faculty Senate.
 - Senate meetings will have guests from across campus showcasing opportunities for faculty to engage in wellness and stress relieving strategies.
 - Campus availability for faculty to host meetings and other scholarship pursuits is the focus for space initiative.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- University has completed and submitted its legislative budget request (LBR)
- Board of Governor's retreat is Sept 1 & 2. Couple discussion items will be:
 - What does it mean to be a top public university
 - Options to consider to improve the four year graduation rate

[Warrington College of Business](#)

Gary McGill, Associate Dean

Administration Name Change

Warrington College of Business Administration

- Warrington College of Business requests that "Administration" is dropped from the college's name.

Graduate Council

Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean

[New Major: Program Evaluation in](#)

Graduate School

Educational Environments for the MAE degree

- Graduate Council has approved this new major and now moves to the Faculty Senate for approval.

Curriculum Committee

Tobin Shore, Director
Curriculum Monitoring and Analysis

- Steering Committee gave Senate presentation suggestions to the following Curriculum Committee items.
 - [BS in Anthropology \(New Degree\)](#)
 - [Modify Prerequisites \(Constr. Mgmt\)](#)
 - [Reduction in Credit Hours in Preprofessional Curriculum, Doctor of Pharmacy Degree](#)
 - [Prerequisites Modification \(Digital Arts/Digital Media – Computer Animation\)](#)
 - Program Closings
 - [Chinese](#)
 - [French](#)
 - [German](#)
 - [Japanese](#)
 - [Russian](#)

Council Reports

Research and Scholarship Council

Valrie Minson, Chair (via email)

- SCORS starts meeting again on September 1, 2016

Budget Council

James Seale, Chair

- Budget Council will meet August 26, 2016

Infrastructure Council

Ann Wehmeyer, Chair

- Infrastructure Council meets August 22, 2016

Welfare Council

Ray Thomas, Chair

- Welfare is scheduled to meet August 31, 2016

Academic Policy Council

Susan Schaffer, Chair

- First meeting of the year is scheduled for September 21, 2016

Suggestions for the 2016-2017 Senate meetings from Steering Committee members

- Invite David Norton, VP for Research, to a Faculty Senate meeting to give an update on Research.
- Climate Survey latest update
- Ask Jodi Gentry, VP for Human Resources, to explain retirement.

Steering Committee approved the August 25, 2016 Faculty Senate Agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.