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Approved Minutes
Faculty Senate Regular Meeting
Friday, January 21, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT BRENT SHOULDERS AT 12:02 PM

Roll Call

AE—Tito Aznar, Cheng Hsien Wu, Brent Shoulders

ASN—Sydney Wilkinson, Megan Steele

BT—Hue Helms, Julia Bird

Guest – Julie Dinger

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Julie Dinger joined the meeting at the beginning to give some updates. She started off by giving us an enrollment update. She shared these numbers with Mr. Shoulders who shared with the rest of the faculty senate. Our enrollment numbers and/or hours are about the same and did not go up. She also updated us on the COVID status on campus. Official updates on those that are out due to COVID should come from Dean of Student Services and if it doesn't then it hasn't gone through their office and therefore not an "official" excused absence. She discussed the process moving forward and making sure that students have a place to quarantine, and she encouraged faculty to proceed with their own discretion as far as going online if they would feel more comfortable. Dr. Dinger expressed the intent that the university will continue to move forward in normal operations with no expectations of closing at this point in time. Dr. Dinger also discussed the upcoming fiscal year and the budget. She was optimistic about this coming year and seeing some potential increases there. She also gave all members the heads up about the Board of Regents upcoming session and that we will be contacted about any potential resolutions about gun control issues on campuses across the state.

Dr. Dinger then updated us about the recent Faculty Pay Study Resolution that was submitted to administration and the status of that. She has presented it to the administrative team and is actively looking forward to adopting the faculty pay study scale that was presented in the study. As of right now, they will not be able to adopt this until a new President is in place and then they will seek the adoption of that scale and to move forward with the findings of the committee.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

President Report – Report would have just included the information covered by Dr. Dinger. Mr. Shoulders had asked about some updates from Dr. Dinger and that initiated the addition of an administrative report in today's meeting.

Vice President Report – Mrs. Franks announced that her STEM Summer Academy grant was approved for \$36,000.

Secretary Report – No report, besides presentation of minutes from last meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Wilkinson presented the minutes from the previous meeting held on December 3rd, 2021. Ms. Steele moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Aznar seconded. Motion passed and minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS

HR Policy and Regent Policy

Mr. Shoulders presented this information regarding the policies in place regarding nepotism. He mentioned that it was waived when Dr. Blanton was appointed Interim President. There is some concern about why these discussions have been brought up and the purpose behind opening discussions about this policy. Mr. Shoulders is going to continue to do research about this policy and the potential impacts.

Faculty Advisory Council – Yearly Report

Mr. Shoulders discussed this council and the purpose behind it. It is basically an advisory council to the Board of Regents that creates a Yearly Report that is presented back to the Board of Regents. Normally, a Faculty Senate member is a part of the council. One big aspect of the concerns is faculty morale, as well as faculty pay and/or benefits.

COVID Procedures and Campus News

Mr. Shoulders had asked Dr. Dinger about this, and it was covered some by the administrative report. He was curious about the current procedures because we have heard about students being out and contacting us personally, but not hearing anything from the Dean of Student Services with those cases. Mr. Shoulders will pass on this information to make sure that the proper procedure is in place and that everyone is notified that needs to be.

Possible Changes in General Education

Recently, there has been some discussion about the potential changes in Humanities requirements for the General Education hours. That will be on the horizon for discussion. This was presented so that we all know what is in the pipeline and future potential changes.

Possible movement of Nursing to COOL

Ms. Steele brought up the possibility about the Nursing program being moved to the College of Online Learning. This is in discussion right now and nothing has been finalized, but is in discussion. Senate members discussed their hesitancy about this and Mr. Shoulders said he would look into this and what the status is.

OLD BUSINESS

Presidential Search Committee

Committee has been formed and will be meeting this following week to start that process. They are aiming to make it a quick process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


COASN – Top Hand Auction for Rodeo Team on February 5th, OPSU Bull Test Sale is February 28th.
COAE – Art Auction is March 4th, Art Jubilee is April 13-15th, Seniors Exhibits are first week of May.
The theatre program is back, performance April 23rd.

Next meeting will be February 4th at noon in SAB 202.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Franks moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

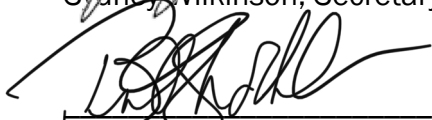
Submitted by Sydney Wilkinson, Secretary



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Date



Brent Shoulders, President

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