



Minutes from Faculty Senate Meeting Friday, February 9, 2024, at 11:00 am in SAB 202

Members Present:

COASN: Dr. Curtis Bensch, Tenoch Ramon, Judy Unruh (Proxy for Kristy Calloway)
COAE: Marjory Hall, Dr. Jarrett Kaufman, Stacy Nordquist
COBT: Vicki Pasque, Hue Helms

Several guests were present in person and online via Teams.

Call meeting to order:

- Meeting called to order by Dr. Bensch at 11:00 am.
- Dr. Dinger addressed the senate and guests online via Teams regarding her recent visit to the capital. Requested that Faculty Senate take up the task of increasing the retention and graduation rates.

Approval of Minutes

- January 26, 2024 minutes approved by consent.

Unfinished Business

- **Discuss the OPSU Faculty Forum Q& A Meetings.**
Dr. Bensch shared that most faculty from his perspective do not want another question-and-answer forum with Dr. Dinger (as was discussed in the previous Faculty Senate meeting). Dr. Dinger has held multiple meetings as well as Brown Bag lunch meetings in the past few weeks to share her views and answer questions. All faculty and staff have had opportunity to attend one or more of these meetings to ask questions and hear Dr. Dinger and Dr. Billiot's point of view.
- **Previously tabled** – "Vote of No Confidence" referendum. Lengthy discussion on the referendum. A motion was made by Hue Helms to remove from the table the "Vote of No Confidence" motion, Vicki Pasque seconded. A roll call vote was taken (see below). Motion passed and the "Vote of No Confidence" will be put before the full-time faculty.

COASN: Dr. Curtis Bensch – as faculty senate president, votes only as a tie-breaker

Tenoch Ramon – Yes

Judy Unruh (Proxy for Kristy Calloway) - Yes

COAE: Dr. Marjory Hall – No

Dr. Jarrett Kaufman – No

Stacy Nordquist - Abstain

COBT: Vicki Pasque – Yes

Hue Helms – Yes

New Business:

Vicki Pasque made the motion that the date and time for the faculty vote on the referendum be set for February 15, 2024, 11am to 5pm, in the Noble Center Classroom. Hue Helms seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A special Faculty Senate meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 12 at 3:45 in SAB 202 to finalize and ratify the details of the referendum.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.