



## **Minutes for Faculty Senate Meeting**

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 1:00PM in SAB 202

### **Members:**

- COASN – Dr. Curtis Bensch, Tonnie Scott, Shawna Tucker
- COAE – Stacy Nordquist, Dr. Jarrett Kaufman, Dr. Marjory Hall (absent)
- COBT – Steve Martin, Tracy Curtis

### **Call meeting to order:**

- Dr. Bensch called the meeting to order at 1:00. A quorum of senators present.
- Guests in attendance: newly appointed VPAA Dr. Charla Lewis, Interim Dean of COBT Vicki Pasque, and online President Dr. Dinger, and other faculty online
- Dr. Dinger shared information about the council of presidents meeting she recently attended. She said there was a best practices paper on A.I. that would be of interest and she would share. She also talked about the regents open educational resources, and reemphasized the regents desire for micro credentialing. Dinger stated that there was additional information and a white paper to be shared about micro-credentialing. Dr. Dinger acknowledged that she had a productive meeting the day prior with Dr. Bensch and that the faculty and administration seem to be working in a very congenial and productive manner (at which point Dr. Bensch heartily agreed). Dr. Dinger expressed the desire to work on relative policy issues affecting faculty in a productive manner of shared governance. Dr. Dinger emphasized that efforts should focus on a unison rather than an independent approach between the faculty/administration that later must be reconciled.
- The three individuals were recognized who had been selected by the regents to serve on the shared governance task force (Shawna Tucker, Tito Aznar, and Steve Martin). It was noted that they represent the diversity of opinions and also represent the three colleges of OPSU. It was unanimously acknowledged that these three individuals are a good choice and will do a good job with this endeavor.
- VPAA Dr. Lewis briefly discussed the flexible faculty time issue overload policy, faculty handbook committee status, and the faculty expressed the desire for Watermark to be more easily accessible.
- Interim-dean Vicky Pasque acknowledged that she is the lead administrator on the flexible schedule issue. She said she would attempt to make sure HLC, and state government concerns were addressed. It was emphasized that faculty warrant freedom to do their tasks with a flexible schedule and that Deans are the primary oversight that this is done appropriately.
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### **Reading / Approval of Minutes:**

- September 20, 2024 minutes were approved with one correction being that the starting time was 12:00

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Dr. Bensch asked for faculty senate's permission to first discuss the flexible faculty time issue with Interim Dean Pasque's presence. Faculty senate agreed to this request. President Dinger and VPAA Shawna Lewis were invited to participate and/or listen in on the discussion, but they had other obligations and had to leave the meeting.

- It was stated that the expectation of faculty being on campus in their office M-F 8:00-4:30 is not and should not be the template and expectation for faculty.
- Flexible faculty time on campus\
- A Task Force committee on Faculty Flexible Scheduling was initiated. The committee being constituted by Faculty Senate member, Deans, and additional faculty who desire involvement as identified by faculty senators.

### **New Business:**

- Discussion of overload hours and desire for full-time faculty to be given consideration before adjuncts as long as the extra hours are not excessive.
- Discussion of improving Watermark to make it more user friendly and easier to access. Dr. Lewis is going to address.

### **Other Business:**

- Brief discussion of the change of Central Advisors to the first year and how this change was abruptly announced with little or no faculty involvement.
- Brief discussion of how that OPSU students are using A.I. to cheat and how this might be curtailed.

### **Adjournment**

- Dr. Bensch adjourned the meeting at 2:25