

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2015
JCK 880, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Present

Senators: Augustine Agwuele, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Elizabeth Blunk, Barbara Covington, Lynn Ledbetter, Audrey McKinney, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Miller Payne, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Susan Weill, Alex White

Guests: *University Star* reporter John Wilcox, Bill Stone

Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. by Senate Secretary Weill

INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

- Senate election update, run-off candidates

A runoff between the two top candidates for three Faculty Senate positions is being held April 13 – 20 in (1) College of Applied Arts: Scott Bowman and Michael Supancic, (2) College of Liberal Arts: Elizabeth Bishop and Yasmine Beale-Rivaya, and (3) College of Science and Engineering: Rachell Booth and Dana Garcia. The senators-elect will be invited to attend the April 29 meeting and will begin their terms on May.6

Committee on Committees report, Bill Stone

Recommendations to the Faculty Senate for committee memberships were presented by Bill Stone on behalf of the Committee on Committees. Topics raised for discussion included (1) a request to add the Presidential Awards committees to the faculty preference survey, (2) evaluating the necessity of workload release for committee chairs, (3) the need for women members on the Presidential Work/Life Advisory Council, (4) the University Council was renamed the University Leadership Assembly, (5) assigning a chair of the Facilities and Environment Committee who will interface with the Energy Conservation Committee and be a campus-wide Sustainability Chair considered for workload release, (6) appointing vice chairs of committees for cases when a chair is on leave, and (7) whether a faculty member on modified retirement is eligible to serve on committees. It was also recommended that the emails of committee members be linked through their names on the committee websites.

Regents Rules request to add a definition of insubordination

This discussion will be returned to next week's Faculty Senate agenda.

New Business

- Senator Miller Payne reported on the TSUS Task Force on Campus Carry. The topics addressed at the recent meeting included (1) training faculty, staff and students how to deal with an active shooter, and (2) reporting campus incidents. The discussion among senators to Miller Payne's report included campus counseling services that will be needed in relation to campus carry incidents.
- Senator Agwuele requested that the Faculty Senate revisit weekend transportation to campus.

Minutes of 4/8 approved as amended

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Susan Weill