

# MINUTES

January 25, 2016

4:00 PM

University Faculty Senate

Shawnee State University

## **Call to Order**

UFS President Andrew Feight called the meeting to order.

## **Roll Taking**

Secretary Janet Feight recorded attendance as follows:

Present: Tom Piontek, Cathy Bailey, Barbara Warnock, Nancy Bentley, Isabel Graziani, Adam Miller, Sean Dunne, Patric Leedom, Linda Hunt, Daniel Finnen, Nick Meriwether, Chris Meade, Phil Blau.

Absent: Ginny Pinson, Cindy Hermanson, Janet Snedegar.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the last meeting were corrected and approved by acclamation.

## **Agenda**

A discussion item was added (Item 11), and the agenda was approved.

## **UFS Officer Reports**

President's Report: UFS President Andrew Feight made a statement congratulating faculty on the nearing completion of GEP Reform. He reminded the Senate about the party on February 12, and he noted that the next meeting would be on February 29.

Vice President's Report: UFS Vice President Mike Barnhart reported on the most recent meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council, including mention of an impending strike at Kent, and, among other items, a financial viability scale for Ohio institutions (1-5). SSU scores a 4/5, which is not bad. All OH institutions are in the red with state pension obligations

factored into financial numbers; numbers with and without retiree obligations are being considered for use by the Chancellor and Ohio Department of Higher Education.

OFC Resolution on HB48 – Opposed changing state law as it regards concealed firearms on university and college campuses.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted by acclamation (attached).

### **Administration Reports**

Provost: Jeff Bauer thanked faculty leadership for GEP Reform and especially for doing so on the expedited schedule. He then noted that the calendar committee had met and come up with a new 2016-17 calendar, that revisions to summer session had been discussed, and that one reason was the impact on high school graduates. No changes for this summer were made; a larger discussion with more constituencies was needed to make significant changes to the summer schedule. Changes, however, are needed to accommodate under-prepared new high school graduates; such students could be enrolled in bridge programs.

Strategic Planning Phase I: Development of a Mission Vision and Enduring Values. The university's open access status, "signature" academic programs, and community engagement are being addressed through public forums. The final draft of the strategic plan will go to the Board of Trustees in the summer. Phase II of Strategic Planning process -- beginning in Fall 2016 -- will entail the development of strategic initiatives in the various university divisions.

Enrollment numbers: Down 8.2% overall, FTE 4.7%.

Athletic program expansions: Track and field and women's golf; the expansion is expected to be a revenue generator.

IUC Provosts: At a recent meeting of the system Provosts, discussions focused on the considerations of textbook affordability and embedded work experience in program curriculums.

Last, the Provost discussed the recent capital funding requests submitted to the Governor: \$19.2 million total -- \$7.2 million for library renovation, \$8 million for the renovation of the ATC, and \$4 million for other facilities related renovations.

### **Committee Reports**

UFS Executive Committee – Drew Feight reported that the Exec. Committee had appointed Georgeann Kamer (CPS), Linda Hunt (UC); and Amr Al-Azm (CAS) to a

joint SEA-UFS Academic Advising Committee; the Exec. Committee was also in the process of recommending faculty for appointments to the new Presidential Action Teams; and he explained that the Exec. Committee was scheduled to meet with President Kurtz and Provost Bauer in the upcoming week to discuss shared governance issues related to a new resource planning process in Academic Affairs.

First-Year Experience Ad Hoc Committee – Adam Miller reported for Chris Kacir (Chair) on the content of the FYE course: financial aid literacy, career exploration, help for underprepared students. This work helped us secure \$4 million in previously allocated capital funding.

EPCC – Mike Barnhart reported that general education at SSU has been improved, all categories in the GEP are populated, and that the electronic proposal-handling system (Curriculog) may make the process far less cumbersome in the future.

### **Business Items**

#### A. EPCC Items

B. English and Humanities, Minor Course Change: COMM 4999

C. Fine, Digital, and Performing Arts, Lab Fee Proposal: MUSI 1201

\*A,B,C bundled, passed unanimously

D. Natural Sciences, New Course: BIOL 2200

\*passed unanimously

E. First-Year-Experience Program Proposal

\*passed unanimously

F. General Education Program Proposals

\*All bundled and passed (with one abstention) except for EDUC 2245, which was discussed separately, and which eventually passed with 2 nay votes.

#### 11. Discussion Items

A. UFS Election Committee – Call for Volunteers. The UFS Executive Committee would appoint the committee in the coming weeks.

B. Academic Misconduct Policy – Senators were in favor of the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to recommend revisions during AY2016-2017.

Adjourned at 5:45.

**Shawnee State University  
University Faculty Senate  
Treasurer's Report**

**As Of:** 2016-01-25  
**Budget Period:** 2015-16  
**Budget Accounts:** 10-3620-\*

Object	Description	FY Budget	Expenses	Budget Balance	Expended %
5500	Regular Student Empl				
5853	Workers Compensation				
6190	Miscellaneous Supplies		336	-336	
6210	Travel		219	-219	
6211	Meals / Same Day Travel				
6260	Entertainment				
6340	Postage / Delivery				
6350	Printing & Binding				
6360	Purchased Publications				
6450	Rental	550		550	
6790	Miscellaneous Expense	2,300		2,300	
9999	Unallocated				
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,850</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>19.5%</b>

**Notes:** 550 allocated in rental represents estimated UFS share of faculty party in February

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**James M. Reneau – Treasurer UFS**