

Minutes
28 October 2024
4:00 PM
University Faculty Senate
Shawnee State University

1. Call to Order

UFS President Mariah Woodward called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Roll Taking

The attendance was recorded as follows:

Ryan Powell, Sandi Allen, Paul Madden, Jen Scott, Ruby Gray, Andy Napper, Phil Blau, Bastien LeCouffe, Thomas Bunting, Sarah Clausing, JT Ok, Andrea Zaph, Mikel Stone, Thomas Piontek and officers (Jim Reneau, Sarah Ivers, Dovel Myers, Drew Feight, Mariah Woodward)

Absent: Ryan Walker

3. Approval of Minutes

No changes requested, seconded by Thomas Bunting. Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda

Seconded by Sandi Allen. Approved unanimously.

5. Announcements and Remarks from the Senate President Mariah Woodward

- Erik Larson will serve as Chair of Celebration of Scholarship committee
- Proposed Constitution/Bylaw Amendments will be shared with the faculty body for a vote. Please be sure to vote.

6. Treasurer's Report: Jim Reneau

No change. Motioned for approval by Sarah Clausing, seconded by Ryan Powell. Passed unanimously.

7. Administrative Reports:

Eric Braun, President –

- Expressed appreciation for cooperative and collaborative nature of program review process.
 - “Not a witch hunt. Not designed to eliminate faculty positions.” – more about delivery, market demand, and what we can offer
- **Change in Dean of Students**
 - Jeff Hamilton has been named Interim Dean of Students
 - “may be unorthodox, but I’m confident in the choice”
 - emphasized that former Dean of Student’s departure was not related to any issue on campus
- **MOU with Adena Medical Center**
 - An agreement has been reached to develop programs and teach classes at Chillicothe’s campus to help upscale Adena’s workforce
 - Helps SSU extend their footprint up the 23 corridor

- Tuition for students will be paid for by the medical center
 - SOMC relationship “remains strong”, they have “doubled down their investment in us”
- **News: Central State placed on Fiscal Watch**
 - Have been receiving ~ \$25 M in SSI, compared to SSU’s \$9 M
 - SSU was contacted by HLC for check-in, we were able to respond positively

Kimberly Inman, Interim Provost –

- Went over the provided ARMC process letter that was shared with faculty via Mariah Woodward, also shared a flow chart with UFS body
 - Steps/Status:
 - Still early in process, ARMC reviews data until October 31st
 - November 1st – moves to notify programs identified for discontinuing
 - Discussions will take place until November 15th with departments
 - If Departments wish to keep the program, they must develop a response by the 1st week of Spring Semester
 - If Departments agree with closure, they can move forward with this
 - closure can be done in Curriculog
 - ARMC makes recommendation to Provost by end of January
 - February EPCC meeting – Provost submits proposals for closure
 - EPCC and UFS make final decisions
- “this is an opportunity to close things by mutual agreement or to use a process for disagreement”
 - especially for cross-talk between programs and interdisciplinary work
 - plan is to review the data regularly as assigned to do, contrary to past practices
- Minors/Certificates – some are also identified as being discontinued
 - Based on enrollment numbers and completion rates over 5 years
- ODHE send data for the low enrollment – they only look at completions and duplications
 - Based on ODHE numbers, many programs meet the criteria for closure – more than just numbers need to be considered though
- Questions: Andy Napper – *Does ARMC publicly post minutes and where/when can be access them?*
 - Interim Provost Inman: Minutes are kept and will be made available through an unidentified mechanism, but preferred to wait until after each department allotted for some discontinuation was made aware
 - May be posted on Share Point (unknown at time of meeting)

Jennifer Pauley, Associate Provost – Absent

8. Announcements from the Senate Floor

None

9. Committee and Director Reports

- Mariah Woodward attended the October 18th, OFC meeting – Professor Derek Black spoke about recent book.
 - Also some discussion about the Reading Methodologies for ODHE will take place at Miami University
 - Chancellor will be present at the next OFC meeting

- *See link shared by Mariah for discussion materials for October meeting*

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business

- Thomas Bunting motioned to Bundle all items. Ryan Powell seconded. Approved unanimously – all voting in favor of proposed bundle. Phil Blau motioned to pass the bundle, this was seconded by Ryan Powell. Bundle passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment

- Drew Feight motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Thomas Piontek. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.