

Minutes
22 January 2024
4:00 PM
University Faculty Senate
Shawnee State University

1. Call to Order

Drew Feight called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Roll Taking

Secretary Sarah Ivers recorded the attendance as follows:

Gene Burns, Thomas Bunting, Mikel Stone, Jen Scott, Ruby Gray, Sarah Clausing, Ryan Walker, Adam Miller, Bastien LeCouffe Deharme, Sandra Beam, Thomas Piontek, and officers (Jim Reneau, Drew Feight, and Sarah Ivers)

Absent: Mariah Woodward, Dovel Meyers, Andy Napper, Sandi Allen, Phil Blau,

3. Approval of Minutes

No changes requested, motion by Jim Reneau. Seconded Sarah Clausing. Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda

Addition of Item 9.D. Ad Hoc Committee on College Realignment to printed/emailed agenda. No motion, no objection.

5. Announcements and Remarks from Drew Feight

- Welcomed everyone backed and wished all a good semester.

6. Treasurer's Report: Jim Reneau

No change. Motioned for approval by Thomas Piontek. Seconded by Sarah Clausing. Passed unanimously.

7. Administrative Reports:

Eric Braun, Interim President – Absent

Sunil Ahuja, Provost –

- **College Realignment Issue:** Administration will respond to UFS letter in the next week. Wants to “continue the conversation soon”.
 - *Update: No response submitted in the following week.*
- Introduced **Elizabeth Kline**, new Dean of Students.
- **Calendar Committee and Summer Calendar Issue:**
 - Previously, Administration sent email stating that campus would be closed July 1 – 5. This creates issues for some summer courses and clinicals. Curricular needs were not considered prior to the announcement. At the time of the UFS meeting, no decision had been made on how to deal with this. Potential Options include:

- 1. Take back the break (problematic since some staff already booked trips given the previous announcement).
- 2. Push back classes to one week (problematic since this will push second summer classes back one week and there will be no break between the end of summer and fall – creating additional issues with paperwork processing, etc.).
- Close on Friday and take only Thursday and Friday off.
- Provost Ahuja opened the floor for discussion/opinions:
 - Ryan Walker – the least disruptive option is best; faculty need to know considerably farther in advance if this will become the norm
 - Provost Ahuja – Can we start a week early?
 - Collective Response: No.
 - Sarah Clausing – Asks about reasoning behind the close?
 - Provost Ahuja: Cost savings technique – all closings including those in December and those scheduled for July should save \$65,000 in utility bills
 - Gene Burns – If this is the goal, why not just shut down offices over Spring Break?
- *Seemed that taking the 5th off and working July 1 – 3 was preferred by senators present. A decision should be announced by the provost's office soon.*

8. Announcements from the Senate Floor

- Jen Scott: reminder to submit abstracts for Faculty Expo (due coming Friday)
- MOT – hosting Mental Health Events this Tuesday
- SEA email about committee formations related to contract negotiations is coming soon.

9. Committee and Director Reports

- **SB83** – passed committee last fall in a modified form (strike clause removed), now moved to the Rules Committee and is expected to be moved into the House for a full vote
 - *Thought that House Speaker is not in favor of the bill passing in current form. Is possible that a “watered down” version will pass.*
- **Registrar Update for Course Name Change Issue (please see email below shared by Dean Inman)**
 - *does seem to be resolved*

Dear Chairs,

I have investigated the process for changing existing courses, and I trust that the following explanation will provide clarity as you submit future proposals in Curriculog:

- Each summer the Office of the Registrar archives the current online course catalog and makes updates for the new catalog in the Acalog system.
 - Archived catalogs on SSU's website will retain historical course information and will not be impacted by title changes and changes to course credits.

- The new, active catalog contains updates to courses approved in the prior academic year. This version is found on the SSU website.
- The J1 Catalog is also updated to match the course approvals during the prior academic year.
 - This version of the catalog is not linked to student course history or transcripts.
- If a faculty member changes the title of an existing course but keeps the same course number, the new course name will only appear on advising worksheets and transcripts of students who take the course once the new name is changed in the catalog.
 - The new course name will not appear on advising worksheets or transcripts of students who took the course prior to the name change.
 - The above is also true for changes to course credits for existing courses.

If you have questions about this explanation, please contact me at tsheets@shawnee.edu.

Best Regards,
Tami

- **Ad-Hoc Committee:** Should be a call for volunteers to serve on a shared governance committee related to college reorganization from UFS leadership soon. Need to have 2 representatives from each college, and 1 At-Large.
 - *Some discussion took place regarding if an SEA representative needed to be on the committee. Given the curricular nature of this matter, it was decided that union representation may be not be necessary.*

10. Unfinished Business

None.

11. New Business

None.

12. Adjournment

- Thomas Piontek motioned for adjournment. Second by Thomas Bunting. All voted in favor. Meeting concluded.