

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
January 23, 2017

Members present: Michael Baranowski, Janel Bloch, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Brooke Buckley, Christine Curran, Jacqueline Emerine, Irene Encarnacion, Sean Foley, Richard Fox, Doug Hume, Stephen Johnson, Ken Katkin, JC Kim, Jennifer Kinsley, Christopher Lawrence, Ellen Maddin, Yaw Frimpong-Mansoh, Phil McCartney, Carrie McCoy, Marcos Misis, Melissa Moon, Ljubomir Nacev, Tamara O’Callaghan, Deborah Patten, Jeanne Pettit, David Raska, Gisele Lorient-Raymer, KC Russell, Gabe Sanders, Ron Shaw, Cory Scheadler, Erin Strome, Laura Sullivan, Matthew Zacate

Members absent: Tracey Adams, Kathleen Fuegen, Vanessa Hunn, Trina Koscielicki, Tonya Krouse, Marc Leone, Denise Luethge, Randy Pennington, Toru Sakaguchi, Sharon Vance

Guests: Ellen Wilshire, Steven Weiss, Julie Olberding, Grace Hiles

Special Election

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Michael Baranowski at 2:55 pm with a quorum present. The following Senate officers for the 2017-18 term were approved by acclamation:

President: Matthew Zacate
Vice President: Carol Bredemeyer
University Curriculum Committee Chair: Richard Fox
Professional Concerns Committee Chair: Ken Katkin
Budget Chair: Janel Bloch
Benefits Chair: Debbie Patten
TEEC Chair: Chris Lawrence
Gen Ed Chair: Steven Weiss

A paper ballot election took place between the two nominees for Secretary (Perry Bratcher, Laura Sullivan). Laura Sullivan won the election.

The meeting adjourned at 3pm.

General Faculty Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Michael Baranowski at 3:00 pm. A discussion regarding the revision of the Faculty Senate Constitution took place. The revision had been approved by the Faculty Senate on November 28, 2016 and distributed for review. Steven Weiss proposed the following amendments to the Constitution:

1. Senate Committee Chairs not required to be Senators - Add the following sentence to the end of ARTICLE VI. Section A: “Officers must meet the Senate membership requirements as specified in ARTICLE III, but do not have to be Senators.”
2. Specifying an oversight role for the General Education Committee. Revise ARTICLE VII, I, 1) to read as follows: “It shall review, evaluate, and recommend General Education policies, including oversight, revisions to, and assessment of the General Education Program.”

3. Delete ARTICLE XVI. (FACULTY SENATE STANDING RULES)

After discussion, all three revisions were unanimously approved.

Discussion then took place regarding the entire Constitution. A two-thirds majority is required for passage. The revised Constitution (with amendments) was approved by a vote of 37-1.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Faculty Senate Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Michael Baronowski at 3:40 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the 11/28/2016 and 12/16/2016 meetings were approved.

Guest Reports:

- **Provost (Sue Ott Rowlands):**
 - Faculty were encouraged to attend the open forum presentations of the four prospective online partners: Pearson (Jan. 23), Academic Partnership (Jan. 24), Wiley (Jan. 30), and Learning House (Jan. 31).
 - Faculty were encouraged to attend the two remaining open forums for the Associate Provost for Administration position Jan. 26 and Jan. 27.
 - Faculty were encouraged to attend the “Starving the Beast” screening Feb. 13th. This documentary examines the consequences of higher education funding cuts.
 - There were concerns regarding the omission of coverage for room and board under NKU’s Distinguished Scholarship. A combination of factors led to this change, including the ability to make more funds available for other students with financial need. President Baranowski suggested that this issue be revisited pending more detailed information provided for discussion.

- **Faculty Regent (Richard Boyce):**
 - The following were highlights of the 1/11/2017 Board of Regents meeting:
 - Morning presentations:
 - College of Business Student Mentee/Executive Mentor Program
 - Provost Sue Ott Rowlands sabbatical, project grant, summer fellowship report (including sabbatical presentations by faculty members Andrea Lambert South and Perilou Goddard)
 - Demo of the newly created Management Dashboard – contains a lot of student statistical information useful in grant writing. For access information, faculty should see their department chairs.
 - Presentation giving an overview of inclusive excellence with students sharing their experiences
 - “Routine” affairs including the approval of 2017/2018 sabbatical leaves
 - Board members received the annual evaluation report of the President
 - Faculty were encouraged to contact their legislators to support the proposed funding model for higher education by visiting <http://investinsuccessky.com>.

- Faculty were encouraged to attend the “Starving the Beast” screening mentioned above.
- The Board met on Jan. 19, 2017 in closed session.
- The next scheduled Board of Regents meeting is March 15, 2017 at 9am in SU 104

Committee Reports:

- **University Curriculum** (Richard Fox):
 - MBA program changes will be coming to a future Faculty Senate meeting
- **Budget** (Janel Bloch):
 - The committee’s recommendation for the process on addressing faculty equity adjustments has been forwarded to the Provost
 - The campus budget development process will be detailed at the Feb. 8 Budget Committee meeting. All faculty members are invited to attend. Campus-wide open forums will take place in February.
 - Putting together a committee to review the summer/winter compensation policy. Anyone interested in serving should contact Janel.
- **Benefits** (Matthew Zacate): No report
- **Professional Concerns** (Ken Katkin):
 - Discussion continuing in committee regarding changes in the reappointment, promotion and tenure process from an annual to a biennial review during the 2nd, 4th, and 6th years. Discussions include the option for an informal review between those years.
 - Reviewing the Consensual Relations Policy
 - Reviewing the policy for emeritus faculty participation in grant funded research
 - Reviewing the Intellectual Property Policy
 - Reviewing the petition of a faculty statement regarding commitment to undocumented students, religious minorities, etc.
- **TEEC** (Chris Lawrence): No report
- **General Education** (Steve Weiss):
 - Collecting artifacts for student learning outcomes
 - Criteria/process for new general education courses being finalized
- **Graduate Programs** (Julie Olberding):
 - Reviewing the Graduate Course Reinstatement Policy

Old Business:

- **Minimum Standards for a Minor [UCC Voting Item]: PROPOSAL PASSED**
 - The new standard added to the already existing standards states “All minors offered at NKU must contain a minimum of 18 credit hours” and was necessary to meet SACS accreditation requirements.

- **Policy on Establishing, Reviewing, and Discontinuing Academic Centers [PCC Voting Item]:**
POLICY PASSED.
 - Comments from the PCC were forwarded to the Provost on Dec. 1, 2016.

New Business:

- **Gag Order Resolution [Discussion Item]**
 - The following resolution was discussed at length:

“Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Northern Kentucky University respectfully disagrees with the University’s efforts to obtain a gag order to prohibit our student Jane Doe from talking with reporters about the university’s response to her campus sexual assault and recommends that the University, in the future, not seek to prohibit students from talking with the media about matters having to do with the University and its policies.”

Suggested revisions can be forwarded to Grace Hiles or Michael Baronowski.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary