

Faculty Senate Minutes

Friday April 15th 2016

Attendees: Jennifer Belew, Kenya Ray, Brandon Walker, Michael Ferguson, Jeff Stanglin, Karl Steddum, William Stowe, Carol Gibson, Martha Dean, Debbie Williams, Lara Pauley, Richard Dugger, Ginger Dennis, Carolyn Fox-Hearne

I. On – Going Items

a. Academic Freedom Policy for Faculty

Dr. Turpin revised the Academic Freedom Policy and sent it to the senate for approval. Lara Pauley initiated the vote, Martha Deen seconded it. The vote was unanimous in favor of the revision.

b. By – Laws

Changes to the by-laws were purposed. There was not 2/3 of the faculty senate present so an email vote was sent out to vote on the changes. The changes passed with only 1 vote against the change.

1. **Current:** Terms of Senators: Senators will serve a term of two years with the terms staggered. Half the Senate will be elected each spring. In the event that a Senator is unable to complete a full term, the Department/Area will elect a replacement.

Change: Terms of Senators: Senators will serve 1 year terms and are encouraged to serve more than a single term. In the event there is no volunteer for a department /area senator, the department/area chair will appoint a senator.

2. **Current:** One Senator will be elected for every six to twelve association members. Departments/Areas with 13 or more members will be allowed an additional Senator. Departments/Areas with fewer than six members may be grouped with other small Departments/Areas, preferably within the same division, for representation.

Change: One Senator will be elected for every department / area. Departments/Areas with 13 or more members will be allowed an additional Senator.

- c. Electing the President Elect of the Faculty Association via Survey Monkey
The entire Faculty Association will nominate the 2017-2018 FS president. The nominees will be contacted to verify that they will be willing to serve and a survey monkey will then be sent out the so the entire faculty association may vote on the president elect.

- d. Year - end lunch – an all association luncheon will be held at the Ag Farm. Deans and VP's will be invited.