

**Minutes
Faculty Senate
February 4, 2020 11:00
Scottsbluff Room, Student Center**

Members present: Tim Anderson, Mathew Brust, Mary Jo Carnot, Don King, Kurt Kinbacher, Mike Leite, James Koehn, Jamie Wada, Kim Madsen, Deane Tucker, Don Watt, Kathleen Woods.

Members absent: August Bruehlman, Joel Schreuder and Scott Cavin

Ex-officio, present: Dr. Jim Powell, VPAA Administrative Representative and Christine Fullerton, PSA Representative

Guests: No guests present.

I. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President Deane Tucker.

II. Adopt Agenda:

President Tucker requested that the proposal to add support staff to Faculty Senate be added to the Discussion/Action Items on the agenda. He also mentioned that the Promotion and Tenure minutes were received late so will be on the next agenda. Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Don Watt and seconded by Mathew Brust. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes:

A motion was made by Kurt Kinbacher and seconded by Mike Leite to accept and approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

IV. Standing Committee Business Items to Discuss and/or Approve:

1. Committee Reports – None presented
2. Minutes

A. ESC 1-23-20.

President Tucker provided an explanation about the work of the ESC members and the need to clarify the language involving courses in the Essential Studies program. Kurt Kinbacher made a motion to accept and approve the minutes from the Essential Studies committee from January 23, 2020. Motion seconded by Don King. Motion carried.

B. ARC 1-21-20.

Tim Anderson made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of January 21, 2020 from Academic Review committee. Kim Madsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Information Items/Discussion and Action Items

1. The following information items and upcoming events were posted in the agenda by the President Deane Tucker.

Upcoming Events

- 13 February 2020: All-Campus Meeting – Campus Showcase
- 9 April 2020: Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon
- 19-21 April 2020: CAEP Accreditation Campus Visit
- 22-25 April 2020: CAO and Board Meeting
- 17-19 June 2020: CAO and Board Meeting
- 1 July 2020: Negotiated Rulemaking regulations become effective

- December 2020: CCPE Program Review for 2020-21 – Biology, Communication Arts, Health Sciences, History, Rangeland Management, and Social Work
- 7 June 2021: HLC Assurance Review

2. Discussion/Action Items

- A. **Essential Studies Committee Proposal:** President Tucker made an executive decision to continue to table the decision made at the Faculty Senate meeting on January 21, 2020 regarding the proposal from the Essential Studies Committee. The decision will allow faculty to have more of an opportunity to seek input from programs and departments regarding the proposal.

The Faculty Senate task force continues to review the Constitution and By-laws for changes to the structure of the committee which will be impacted by this proposal. The discussion will be brought back to the February 18, 2020 meeting for further review.

B. **Support Staff Representative:**

Don Watt made a motion to approve the request to add a non-voting member from the Support Staff Association to Faculty Senate. The request was made by the representative, Clarisa Liston, on behalf of the Support Staff Association at the January 21, 2020. Mathew Brust seconded the motion. Nine members voted in favor of the motion with one member voting against the motion. Motion carried by majority.

C. **Faculty Senate Constitution and By-laws:**

Senators reviewed the draft of the Faculty Senate Constitution with changes recommended by Dr. Randy Rhine and former VPAA, Dr. Charles Snare, in December. The changes reflect an effort by the Administration and Faculty Senate task force examining the Constitution to better align the policies with the changes to the board policies made by the Nebraska State College System. After some discussion regarding the recommended changes, Senators were asked to review the Constitution once again seeking input from faculty. All recommendations for changes should be forwarded to Kathleen Woods, Faculty Senate task force member, who will update revisions and upload to Sharepoint for review at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

VI. Items in Progress

1. The Faculty Senate task force made up of Deane Tucker, Kathleen Woods and Mathew Brust will continue their review of the Faculty Senate Constitution and By-laws and bring their proposal for revisions back to Faculty Senate for review.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kurt Kinbacher and second by Don Watt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Madsen, Secretary Date: (approved by committee):

Recommendations for Faculty Senate (or Academic Review, for Graduate Council and Essential Studies)

Action (A highlighted summary of actions recommended in meeting business above; should include any proposed change in policy, procedure, or curriculum and/or proposed committee or collective faculty recommendations to the CSC administration):

1. ___(brief summary, with reference to specified discussion item above) ___
 2. ___(brief summary, with reference to specified discussion item above) ___
 3. ___(brief summary, with reference to specified discussion item above) ___
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