

**Minutes of Faculty Senate, 11/28/16 Meeting
123 Hathaway Hall**

Senators

Ibukun Amusan (Math & Sci)
Ken Andries (AFE)
Nancy Capriles (BSS)
Rene Desborde (Business)
Gary Elliott (WYS) E
Maheteme Gebremedhin (AFE)
Caroline Gibson (FIAR) A
Cindy Glass (BSS)
William Graham (EDU)
Robert Griffin (FIAR) A
Buddhi Gywali (AFE)
Dantrea Hampton (Library)
Jens Hannemann (Comp Sci)
Ashok Kumar (at large)
Vikas Kumar (AQU)
Li Lu (Math & Sci)
Rebecca McCoy (Nursing) A
Joe Moffett (LLP)
Narayanan Rajendran (at large)

Reba Rye (at large) E
Rita Sharma (Math & Sci) E
Kimberly Sipes (at large)
Peter Smith (LLP)
Stephen Ulrich (PUA, CJ, SW)
Changzheng Wang (at large)

Ex Officio Members and Guests

Chandee Felder (Senate Admin)
Tierra Freeman (BSS)
Elgie McFayden (Faculty Regent)
James Obielodan (Grad Director)
Donavan Ramon (WYS)
Cynthia Shelton (WYS)
Mara Merlino (BSS)
Tom Webster (AFE)
Ralph Williams (SGA President)
Fariba Bigdeli-Jahed (MASC)
Abdul Turay (Business)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:13 pm. Fourteen senators were present.

2. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of minutes

The Minutes for the 11/14/2016 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

4. Senate President Report Kim Sipes

Faculty Senate President Sipes returned to the need for members for committees listed in the Committee Book. Last week the nominating committee of Ken Andries and Ashok Kumar was established. They are now in the process of getting the election prepared and a call for nominations will go out soon. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, 12/6 at 11:00 am for nominations, which will be followed by online voting.

In meantime other committee members were established.

Academic Assessment and Evaluation Committee needed a member from PCC. Stephen Ulrich volunteered.

Facilities Management Committee needed six members from Senate. They could be from any area. Chair Andries asked if they are appointed yearly. President Sipes responded that the term limits have been removed from the Committee Book, so it was unclear. Three members of Senate volunteered to serve: Changzheng Wang, Jens Hannemann, and Maheteme Gebremedhin.

Graduate Appeals Review

been followed. The University needs a policy statement that reflects its processes now and offers faculty the opportunity to make decisions for their classes.

A senator noted that the proposed policy does not indicate who would make final decisions about student absences. Another senator suggested there should be a limit for overall course days missed such as LLP uses that explains that missing more than 20% of classes is sufficient for a student to receive a failing grade in a course.

An extension of time for 10 minutes passed unanimously.

A guest _____ to encourage student attendance and to delineate consequences for failing to do so. President Sipes noted that there might be language put into the policy requiring faculty to keep regular attendance using the EAB system. Chair Moffett expressed concern about making the policy too rigid, and he noted the committee wanted faculty to be able to make more decisions about their own classes. Chair Glass similarly expressed concern about the implications of an attendance policy requiring all faculty to record all attendance on an electronic system.

An extension of time for 10 minutes passed with one opposed, the rest in favor.

Chair Andries suggested the insertion of language that would _____ decisions. He also wanted to see athletes on a sponsored university trip be added to the list of excused absences.

The item was tabled. APC will continue to work on it further.

16.17.03 Repeat Option Policy

This action item eliminates the limit for the number of times a course can be repeated. A guest suggested there should be a limit to how many courses can be repeated _____ four courses, for

A motion to extend time for five minutes passed unanimously.

A guest noted how _____ financial aid. Chair Andries offered a

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those outlined by CPE in the KY Transfer Policy. As such, IGS courses were moved into the Arts and Humanities category. The Quantitative category would include the recently Senate-approved statistics course (MAT 200). Chair Andries stressed that this new scheme does not add any courses. President Sipes pointed out that BUA 370 has been renumbered.

The item passed unanimously.

16.17.16 Revision and Clarification of IGS Hours Required for Transfer Students

This item began as a proposal from Dr. Suzette Polson to restore language in the catalogue that had been dropped which delineated how many hours of IGS courses transfer students should take based on the number of hours they transfer in. Chair Andries explained that those transfer

considered Core complete by the KY Transfer Policy.

The item passed unanimously.

16.17.17 Delete Pilot Course MAT 172, Accelerated Contemporary Mathematics

Since this was a pilot course, it is time to replace it with a permanent course. MAT 111 will take up some of its elements.

The item passed unanimously.

16.17.18 Revise MAT 111 to Remove Pre-Requisite Requirement and Increase Course Contact Hours

This course would cover material from MAT 172, but with more contact hours. It would remain a three credit course, however. The Chair of MASC, Fariba Bigdeli-Jahed, explained that there is a nationwide movement to eliminate remedial courses from college curricula. A guest asked how this course will be different MAT 200, to which Dr. Bigdeli-Jahed replied that CPE wants us to offer different pathways for students. Conversation ensued about the fact that this course would require students to meet five times a week, but it would only award them three credits. MASC decided to table the item and discuss it further.

16.17.19 Change Course Description of MAT 115 College Algebra to Include ACT, SAT, KYOTE, and COMPASS Placement Scores.

This item proposed to include placement scores in the course description of MAT 115. It passed unanimously.

16.17.20 Change MAT 176 to MAT 115A Accelerated College Algebra

MASC asked to table this item for now.

who seems genuinely concerned with shared governance and collegiality. There is also the issue that more faculty were not allowed to join the search committee.

Vice-President Kumar noted that this petition should have been cleared through Senate. President Sipes stated the petition was not created as a Senate action item; it was prepared by and on behalf of faculty, outside of senate purview.

Freeman responded that _____ and that they are vulnerable in way faculty may not be. Dr. Freeman went on to add that President Thompson has deep experience with CPE, which could be very valuable for KSU going forward. She noted that President Thompson is likely to be heavily sought after by other institutions.

A senator wondered if we _____ search to confirm the legitimacy of the selected candidate. Regent McFayden was then asked if President Thompson had applied for the position, to which he responded that he had _____

Conversation ensued on the topic of whether or not President Thompson had been offered a position at another university. Dr. Freeman was not certain, but she did stress he was being sought after. A guest argued that it _____ problems we face, such as low enrollment, a poor graduation rate, an unstable budget, and frequent upper administration turnover are such that a delay in searching for a permanent president is hurting us badly. Search committees should not luxuriate. Two other public universities in the state have already closed their searches.

Chair Glass noted that the job description appeared just today on *Higher Ed Jobs* and was set to close in January.

A guest underscored that the petition was simply asking the Board to give President Thompson an interview. If he is the right candidate, then offer him the job.

Regent McFayden noted that proposals have not been acted upon by the President. President Sipes responded that she believed the President would disagree with this characterization. Regent McFayden went on to say that the costs for out-of-state versus in-state students were considered, and Regent McFayden argued the university should give scholarships to alumni _____

way the budget has been balanced.

A quorum was lost at 4:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Moffett, Faculty Senate Secretary

[Approved by Senate, as distributed, on 12/12/2016]