



OFFICIAL MINUTES Faculty Senate Meeting, 25 February 2019

Call to order: Senate President McNeel Jantzen called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm, welcoming a total of 29 attendees (roster attached).

Minutes: Senators approved the minutes of 28 January 2019 as written.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate President McNeel Jantzen: Faculty from the Libraries have communicated concern about the fact that classified staff were not paid under the new [Inclement Weather Policy](#) during recent suspended campus operations. Senators observed that the new policy has not only impacted classified staff financially but has also affected general university working conditions and morale. Both classified staff unions are investigating the new policy.

A **motion** (forwarded by Judy Pine and seconded) expressing concern about to the new Inclement Weather Policy and support for classified staff in all union efforts to renegotiate the policy **passed** by unanimous vote. Senate President McNeel Jantzen will make a statement at the upcoming President's Cabinet.

Brent Carbajal, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, reported on the conclusion of tenure and promotion review processes and confirmed that letters have been sent out to faculty. Carbajal stated that 51 faculty were promoted and that two cases are pending. There were 33 tenured faculty who were promoted to associate and 19 who were promoted to full professor. The breakdown by college is: Huxley 4; CHSS 13; CSE 15; CBE 7; Library 1; CFPA 6; Fairhaven 2; and Woodring 4.

Rich Brown, UFWW President: A [draft policy revision](#) to POL-U1600.01, "Requesting an Appointment of Opportunity," is under review and posted for the mandatory 30-day comment period through March 9th.

Roger Anderson, Faculty Legislative Liaison, reported on proposed bills that are being monitored by the Council of Faculty, including [HB 1363/SB 5504](#), "Concerning state agency employee access to peer-reviewed journals."

Juliet Knowles for Levi Eckman, Associated Students VP for Academic Affairs: Voting for the special election for the position of AS Vice President for Business and Operations is currently underway and results will be [posted](#) when voting concludes on February 27th.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Faculty Forum: Parking at Western, Bob Putich, *Assistant Director, Student Business Office and Parking Operations*, listened and responded to faculty concerns about parking and reported that Parking Services is currently working on finding solutions to alleviate lot overcrowding and means of incentivizing use of alternative transportation methods. Putich observed that parking is bargained with the various unions, and revisions to the relevant CBA sections are necessary when substantial operational changes are proposed.

REVIEW OF STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senators voted unanimously in favor of a **motion** (forwarded by Patrick Buckley and seconded) **to accept** University Planning and Resources Council (UPRC) minutes of 16 January 2019, Senate Extended Education Committee (SEEC) minutes of 17 January 2019, and Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) minutes of 22 January 2019 and 5 February 2019 as written.

ACTION ITEM

Testing Center Fees for Make-up Exams: Faculty have raised concerns about a \$20 fee to take make-up exams at the Western Testing Center. Senators discussed faculty support for possible elimination of the fee. SEEC is gathering data and will share its recommendations with the Faculty Senate. A **motion** (forwarded by Jenny Oleen and seconded) **to support** elimination of the fee currently charged for make-up exams at the Testing Center **passed** by unanimous consent.

CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Constituents have communicated concerns to Senators about issues of academic freedom and equity and inclusion. *Senate President* McNeel Jantzen stated that the Senate Executive Council would discuss the issue at its next meeting.

Senator Bob Mitchell provided an update on the Graduate Council's progress toward becoming an independent governance committee and reported that the committee structure will be presented to the Graduate Council this week and that bylaws are currently being drafted.

A Senator reported faculty concerns about the timeline for distribution of internal funding for grant proposals for student research and that mini grants are now considered to be discretionary funds. Jantzen noted that this was vetted and approved by the Research Advisory Council and that faculty concerns about research funding can be sent to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Senators adjourned at 5:40 pm

FACULTY SENATE – ROSTER 2018-19

Senators				Ex Officio attendees		
1	McNeel Jantzen, <i>Senate President</i>	At Lg – Psychology	P	31	Sabah Randhawa, <i>University President</i> NV	--
2	Regina Barber DeGraaff	A ~ Physics & Astronomy	P	32	Brent Carbajal, <i>Provost</i> NV	P
3	Emily Borda	A ~ Chemistry	P	Other regular required attendees		
4	Filip Jagodzinski	A ~ Computer Science	--	33	Roger Anderson, <i>FLR 2017-19</i> (voting)	P
5	Xichen Jiang	A ~ Engineering & Design	P	34	Juliet Knowles for Levi Eckman, <i>ASVP for Academic Affairs</i> NV	P
6	Bob Mitchell, <i>Ac&E Officer</i>	A ~ Geology	P	35	Mark Greenberg, <i>Provost's Council Rep</i> NV	P
7	Jeff Young, <i>VP & President-elect</i>	A ~ Biology	P	36	Lizzy Ramhorst, <i>Parliamentarian</i> NV	P
8	Jianying Zhang	A ~ Mathematics	P	37	Jan Carmichael, <i>Senate Admin Asst</i> NV	P
9	Alex Czopp	B ~ Psychology	P	Guests		
10	David Evans	B ~ Comm Sci & Disorders	P	38	Bob Putich, <i>Associate Director</i>	P
11	Jasmine Goodnow	B ~ Health & Human Dev.	P	39	Brian Sullivan, <i>Associate VP of BFA</i>	P
12	Judy Pine	B ~ Anthropology	P	40	April Markiewicz, <i>Chair of PATC</i>	P
13	Holly Folk	C ~ Liberal Studies	P			P
14	Hugo Garcia	C ~ Modern & Classical Lang.	--			P
15	Rand Jimerson	C ~ History	--			
16	Christina Keppie	C ~ Modern & Classical Lang.	--			
17	RaeLynn Schwartz-DuPre, <i>Secretary</i>	C ~ Communication Studies	P			
18	<i>TBD for Brian Bone</i>	C (CHSS Humanities)	P			
19	Pierre Gour	D ~ Art & Art History	--			
20	Rich Brown, <i>UFWW President</i>	D ~ Theatre & Dance	P			
21	Craig Dunn	E ~ Management	--			
22	Stella Hua	E ~ Decision Science	P			
23	Mark Staton	E ~ Finance & Marketing	P			
24	Babafemi Akinrinade	F ~ Fairhaven	P			
25	Patrick Buckley	G ~ Environmental Studies	P			
26	John McLaughlin	G ~ Environmental Sciences	--			Senators present 20
27	Devyani Chandran, <i>Exec At Lg</i>	H ~ Health & Comm Studies	--			Ex Officio 1
28	Debi Hanuscin	H ~ Elementary Education	--			Other regular required attendees 5
29	Jeffery Hart	H ~ Special Education	--			Guests 3
30	Jenny Oleen	I ~ Libraries	P			TOTAL ATTENDEES 29