

Senate Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2023

Present: Alexander, Adam, Beemer, Bergland, Chloupek (substitute: Alicia Campbell), Gallaher, Abington, Bandi, Jornaz, Myllykangas, Skinner, Olson, Scofield, Meyer, Islam, Sprague (for Miller), Adebile, Fella, Smith, Rourke, Black, Ford, Cline, Voss, Rourke, Jornaz, Skinner

Call to Order

Alexander called the meeting to order at 3:30.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the March 15 meeting were approved with one abstention.

Reports

NW President's Report (Green)

Legislative Update: House Bill 3 for funding higher education passed, with a core increase of 5%, with 2% for performance funding. The Senate bill follows the governor's proposed budget of a straight 7% increase. The differences will be hashed out in a conference committee, with Green remaining hopeful that the Senate bill prevails, because of complications with the performance funding model.

The community colleges have received 7%, and state hasn't resolved performance funding issues. The state universities are unanimous in their support of the Senate bill, and it has the backing of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. The House Bill also has attached a provision which prohibits state funds to be used for diversity/equity/inclusion centers.

On the federal level, Rep. Sam Graves is asking for two earmarks: \$2 million for Martindale renovations, \$2 million for central plan/energy efficiency.

Rodeo: The university will hold off making a decision about whether to sell or lease it until the new president comes in and can weigh in.

Other: Vice President Carrick will be holding more budget meetings. The plan is still to have a 4% across-the-board increase in salaries. Green said CSIS and other areas where there have been multiple failed searches may need to be examined for targeted increases to help in recruitment. Green, in his last meeting before Faculty Senate, thanked the Senate for support, grace in working with him, singling out President Alexander especially. He asked for similar support for incoming president Lance Tatum.

Provost Report (Hooyman)

The Board of Regents in closed session approved AP as the online provider. They will have another seven-year contract. The Board gave permission to complete the contract, to be ratified at open session next meeting. Hooyman raised the issue of new federal mandates involving third parties (such as AP and enrollment firm EAB), which will involve a shared responsibility of legalities/liability. Changes will likely need to be made to numerous contracts to accommodate these federal guidelines.

Hooyman noted that Vice President Justin Mallett will be leaving May 25 last date. She praised his ability to make progress on DEI issues during his term and noted that the university will try to have candidates

come to campus in mid-May. In other news, she said that over 1,000 students are confirmed for the one outdoor graduation ceremony and that there is a revision to the policy for conferring degrees.

Guest: Matt Baker

Baker said that with the new dining contract with Sodexo, the alcohol policy will be undergoing changes. In addition to alcohol being served year-round at the new Buffalo Wild Wings, there may be beer sales at football and basketball games. In addition, there will not need to be special permission obtained for each individual event. There were concerns raised by faculty that the proposed policy presented might contradict other policies (Greek policies, student code of conduct, etc.). The change in dining contract will involve losing Einstein Bagels (adding McAllisters), Zen (adding Qdoba) and adding Mr. Beast Burger and Sweets and Treats.

In Title IX matters, Baker noted that the hiring committee will be meeting Friday to narrow down candidates, and meeting next week to start initial interviews. Alexander asked if there could be faculty representation on Title IX committee; Myllakangas volunteered to be part of the process.

Human Resources (Barcus)

Barcus noted the Board of Regents will be meeting June 15, 1 pm. to approve the budget. University personnel are still working on the FY24 Budget, so the new president has time to review it before it goes to the Board.

She clarified that the preventative Free visit (including mammogram, colonoscopy, etc) and blood draw should be free, unless additional testing is needed. The physician screening form and notice about the switch from Health Risk Assessment to Primary Care Physician checkups has been sent out. The period of screenings runs from January-December, although screenings done late last year may still count as we make the transition.

Public Safety (Cullen)

Not present.

Senate President's Report (Alexander)

Alexander noted that she, Adam and Meyer have been working on bylaws. We will need to have a May meeting to pass new bylaws. There will be Zoom capabilities for that meeting.

She noted that Stacy Carrick will have a meeting about updates in the budget Monday April 24th 2:30, 9:30 in Union Boardroom, and reminded chairs that they need to be submitting their end-of-year reports.

Committee Reports

- Academic Petitions (Miller): No Report
- Academic Appeals (Bandi): No report
- Curriculum and Degree Requirements (Meyer): Last meeting is next Tuesday; no more proposals accepted after that. Six proposals have been approved and sent to CDR. Last chance to make changes to the catalog. A proposal guide for completing CDR proposals, with linked PDFs is being completed, and Meyer welcomes feedback to improve usability. The manual includes examples, pictures and a guide to doing proposals. Meyer also noted that Petitions about upper level requirements will not be waived.
- Designated Curricular Matters (Richardson): No report
- Assessment (Voss) : Catalyst software, an outside vendor, will be piloted in a class soon. He noted that Turn-it-in software is not a reliable indicator of checking for AI Library working on resource guide for checking for AI.

- Faculty Welfare, Budget, and Finance (Smith): Will meet with Dr. Haddock in April 20 about the salary matrix and will be meeting with the provost about the grievance process this Thursday. Smith asked for help/volunteers to help with the Faculty/Staff bash
- Teaching and Learning (Myllykangas): Reviewed handful of teaching/learning proposals. Used the new matrix. Sent recommendations forward. Meeting next Friday. Will check again on intellectual property/copyright for adjunct use of course materials beyond NW
- Legislative Committee (Brett Chloupek) : No report
- COTE, Graduate Council, Research, IRB, Animal Welfare, University Seminar: No reports.

Old business

None.

New business

Tenure/Promotion candidates: Motion (Olson/Ford) to begin voting on the promotion and tenure candidates. Approved unanimously.

Elected: Bill Richardson (Fine and Performing Arts), Brian Hesse (Humanities and Social Science) and Casey Abington (Business).

Voting on President Elect: Jenni Wall and Rob Voss, candidates. Voss excused himself from the room.

Elected: Rob Voss

Secretary:

Voting on Secretary: Jill Baker, candidate.

Elected: Baker elected by acclamation.

Parliamentarian: Trevor Meyer had been nominated prior to the meeting. John Gallaher was nominated from the Floor. Meyer withdrew himself from consideration.

Elected: Gallaher elected by acclamation

Proposals: Motion (Olson/Black) to bundle CDR proposals. Approved Unanimously.

Motion to approve bundle (Meyer/Olson). Approved Unanimously

Announcements

Gallaher announced the Lemon Distinguished Lecture, which will be held April 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Codeswitch/Ferguson podcaster Shereen Marisol Meraji will be meeting with journalism students in the afternoon prior to her presentation at the Charles Johnson Theater.

Adjournment

Alexander adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.