

**Fiftieth Faculty Senate
Northwest Missouri State University
Full Senate Meeting Minutes**

October 18, 2023

Members in Attendance:

Rhonda Beemer, Rob Voss, Kristi Alexander, John Gallaher, Jill Baker, Ashley Strickland, Brett Chloupek, Elyssa Ford, Alisha Campbell (alt for Jenni Wall), Giselle Greenidge, Ajay Bandi, Araceli Hernandez Gonzalez, Tony Olson, Devlin Scofield, Csilla Tasi, Jeff Bradley, Mike Miller, Johnny Chuang, Kylie Wilson, Machelles Skinner, Aziz Fellah, Trevor Meyer

Members Absent:

Jenni Wall, Richard Black, Keely Cline, Kristi Alexander

- **Call to Order**
 - President Beemer called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Motion to approve Senator Olson/Second by Senator Chuang** The agenda was approved with one abstention.
 - **Approval of Minutes Senator Miller/Second by Senator Ford** The agenda was approved unanimously.
- **Special Guests**
 - None
- **Reports:**
 - **Provost Report (Dr. Hooyman)**
 - Dr. Hooyman reported that the three commencement ceremonies will be on December 8. The Northwest Foundation Board will be on campus on 10/19/23 and 10/20/23. They will tour a number of academic facilities. The Board of Regents will also be on 10/20/23. The Flag Raising Ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. on 10/20/23. The syllabi separation proposal will make its way to Faculty Welfare and Budget on 10/20/23 for their review. No new news to report from the legislature. There will be no all-academic meeting in January, only faculty presentations. Presentations are still needed.
 - **Human Resources (Krista Barcus)**
 - Ms. Barcus reported that employees will see no increase in health premiums for the next calendar year. The employee engagement survey is now live through October 30. It will come to Northwest email accounts. The address is noreply@qemailserver.com. The compensation study work with Evergreen has been approved by the NLT. Ms. Barcus will continue to bring reports to Senate.
 - **Senate President (Dr. Rhonda Beemer)**
 - President Beemer reported that Northwest was asked to participate in 'Be a Santa to a Senior' through Homestead Senior Living. Northwest employees will have the opportunity to support a senior citizen by purchasing gifts. A tree with bulbs bearing needs will go up on November 3. Employees can choose a bulb and purchase the item for seniors. A wrapping party will be held after the collection of items.
 - President Beemer reported on the AI trainings that were held. More training will be held and information distributed to faculty and faculty research and professional development proposals are now available.
 - **Academic Petitions (Dr. Miller)**
 - Senator Miller reported that the committee met last week. The committee heard nine petitions and granted seven.

- **Academic Appeals (Dr. Greenidge)**
 - Senator Greenidge reported that there are no appeals at this time.
- **CDR (Dr. Meyer)**
 - Senator Meyer reported that CDR reviewed eight proposals at the last meeting and will meet again next week ahead of looming proposal deadlines.
- **DCM (Dr. Hill)**
 - Senator Meyer's CDR report encompassed the DCM report, as well.
- **Assessment (Dr. Fellah)**
 - Senator Fellah reported that the committee has not yet met.
- **Teaching and Learning (Dr. Gallaher)**
 - Senator Gallaher reported that the committee will meet next week.
- **Academic Integrity Panel (Dr. Scofield)**
 - Senator Scofield reported that the committee met on September 27. Four cases were reviewed. The next meeting is November 15.
- **Faculty Welfare and Budget (Dr. Ford)**
 - Senator Ford reported that the committee met on October 9 to discuss the Employee Grievance Reference Guide. The committee sent ideas and concerns back to the Provost and Human Resources Director and the committee will review again in November.
- **Legislative (Dr. Chloupek)**
 - Senator Chloupek reported that the legislative agenda is at a relative standstill.
- **COTE, Graduate Council, Research, IRB, Animal Welfare, University Seminar**
 - Senator Skinner reported that Research met with IRB and Animal Welfare to revise the bylaws to update and make changes.
- **Old Business**
 - None
- **New Business**
 - Academic Calendar Proposals
 - Senator Miller reported on options for the academic year 2024-2025. Please see the documents below the minutes for the calendar options. An informal vote was conducted on the calendar options so that Senator Miller could report that vote to the committee.
 - Proposals
 - Motion to approve proposal 123-52-01 by Senator Chauang/Second by Senator Hernandez-Gonzalez Yay-17 Nay-0 Abstain-1 Proposal passes.
 - Motion to approve proposal 123-55-01 by Senator Olson/Second by Senator Meyer Yay-18 Nay-0 Abstain-0 Proposal passes.
 - Motion to approve proposal 123-08-01 by Senator Olson/Second by Senator Wilson Yay-17 Nay-0 Abstain-0 Proposal passes.
 - Motion to bundle proposals 123-59-02, 123-59-04, and 123-59-03, 123-59-01, and 123-59-05 by Senator Olson/Second by Senator Chuang Yay-18 Nay-0 Abstain-0 Motion passes.
 - Motion to approve proposals 123-59-02, 123-59-04, 123-59-05, and 123-59-01, and 123-59-03 by Senator Hernandez-Gonzalez/Second by Senator Olson Yay-18 Nay-0 Abstain-0 Proposal bundle passes.

ID #	Initiator	Number	Type	Name
A	Blackford/Lim	123-52-01	New Program	Economics-GIS Major (72 hours)
B	Blackford/Lim	123-55-01	New Program	Marketing-GIS Major (72 hours)
C	Jason McCain	123-08-01	Change Course	PSYC 08310 Cognitive Psychology
D	Rhonda Beemer	123-59-02	New Course	HPER 59-332 Introduction to Epidemiology
E	Rhonda Beemer	123-59-05	New Course	HPER 59-340 Environmental Health
F	Rhonda Beemer	123-59-04	New Course	HPER 59-336 Global Public Health
G	Rhonda Beemer	123-59-03	New Course	HPER 59-334 Introduction to Healthcare Systems
H	Rhonda Beemer	123-59-01	New Course	HPER 59-223 Introduction to Public Health

- **Items from the Floor**

- Senator Tasi reported that Garrett-Strong is very cold. Discussion ensued about the timeline for the University to transition to heating.

Motion to adjourn by Senator Olson/second by Senator Chuang.

President Beemer adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jill Baker, Faculty Senate Secretary

Addendum to the 10/18/23 Minutes-

After the meeting, an e-mail vote was sent due to an omission of 123-59-06 from the proposal bundle.

Calendar information:

FY 26 and FY 27 Calendar Scenarios

Note: Both fall and spring semesters must start on the same day of the week.

Fall 2025

- If start on Monday, August 25 (1 week between summer and fall)
 - All days of the week would be available for evening classes.
 - We would have 2520 minutes on MWF
 - We would have 2360 minutes on TR
 - 34 days in Block 1
 - 34 days in Block 2
 - 7w1 and 7w2 have the same number of days.
 - We keep Thanksgiving week as a break from classes
 - Online break is before Thanksgiving Week break due to grade and student success measures (10/13-10/17)
 - Last day of classes – 12/3
 - 7w2 ends 12/3, so no online classes during campus finals week.
 - Last day of finals – 12/12

- If start on Wednesday, August 20 (2 days between summer and fall)
 - All days of the week would be available for evening classes.
 - We would have 2640 minutes on MWF
 - We would have 2440 minutes on TR
 - 37 days in Block 1
 - 34 days in Block 2
 - 7w1 will have 3 extra days.
 - We keep Thanksgiving week as a break from classes
 - Online break is before Thanksgiving break due to grade and student success measures (10/13-10/17)
 - Last day of classes – 12/3
 - 7w2 ends 12/3, so no online classes during campus finals week.
 - Last day of finals – 12/12

- If start on Wednesday, August 27 (1.5 weeks between summer and fall)
 - All days of the week would be available for evening classes.
 - We would have 2520 min on MWF
 - We would have 2360 min on TR
 - 34 days in Block 1
 - 34 days in Block 2
 - 7w1 would have 3 extra days days.
 - No Thanksgiving Week Break due to Block schedule requirements.
 - Online break is 10/20-10/24
 - Last day of campus classes – 12/3
 - 7w2 ends 12/12
 - Last day of finals – 12/12