

Faculty Senate Meeting
Monday, December 21, 2015
3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m. – Toepfer Room, Adelbert Hall,

3:30 p.m.	Approval of Minutes from the November 23, 2015, Faculty Senate Meeting, <i>attachment</i>	Roy Ritzmann
3:35 p.m.	Provost's Announcements	Bud Baeslack
3:40 p.m.	Chair's Announcements	Roy Ritzmann
3:45 p.m.	Report from the Executive Committee	Robert Savinell
3:50 p.m.	Bioethics/Genetic Counseling Dual Degree Program, <i>attachment</i>	Aaron Goldenberg Anne Matthews
4:00 p.m.	MA in Patent Practice/MS in Biochemistry Dual Degree Program, <i>attachment</i>	Craig Nard
4:10 p.m.	Proposed Revisions to MSASS By-Laws, <i>attachment</i>	David Hussey
4:15 p.m.	Development Report	Bruce Loessin Larry Gibson



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Members Present

Bud Baeslack	Kimberly Emmons	Carol Musil
Joy Bostic	T. Kenny Fountain	Roy Ritzmann
Christine Cano	Susan Hinze	Andrew Rollins
Cathy Carlin	David Hussey	Robert Savinell
David Carney	Jean Iannadrea	Philip Taylor
Susan Case	Zina Kaleinikova	Rebecca Weiss
Juscelino Colares	Cheryl Killion	Amy Zhang
Gary Chottiner	Kurt Koenigsberger	Richard Zigmond
Mitch Drumm	Frank Merat	Christian Zorman
Robin Dubin		

Members Not Present

Alexis Abramson	Jessie Hill	Mary Quinn Griffin
Amy Backus	Lee Hoffer	Vasu Ramanujam
Timothy Beal	Megan Holmes	Jessica Slentz
Cynthia Beall	Sudha Iyengar	Barbara Snyder
Colleen Croniger	Lisa Lang	Usha Stiefel
Lisa Damato	Kenneth Ledford	Robert Strassfeld
Heath Demaree	Paul MacDonald	Nishant Uppal
Peg DiMarco	Gerald Mahoney	Fahreen Velji
Scott Fine	Meral Ozsoyoglu	Horst von Recum
Carol Fox	Leena Palomo	Gillian Weiss

Michael Harris	Martin Palomo	Jo Ann Wise
Peter Harte	Pushpa Pandiyan	Stuart Youngner
Angelina Herin	Andres Pinto	

Others Present

Dan Anker	Don Feke	James Nauer
Bob Brown	David Fleshler	Dean Patterson
Donna Davis Reddix	Marilyn Mobley	Jeff Wolcowitz

Call to Order

Professor Roy Ritzmann, chair, Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A count of the members in attendance revealed that a quorum did not exist. Agenda items requiring Senate approval were postponed until the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes could not be approved due to insufficient attendance.

Provost’s Announcements

The Provost said that the spring semester would be a busy one. For instance, the Provost’s Commission on the Undergraduate Experience will be reviewing undergraduate education and student life.

Chair’s Announcements

Prof. Ritzmann said that there wasn’t a quorum at the October and November meetings. A revote on all matters approved or endorsed at the October and November meetings is required. If a senator misses more than 50% of meetings during the academic year, he/she may be asked to step down. A senator suggested that more socialization among the senators could result in a greater commitment to attend meetings. Also, faculty should understand their obligations and commit to attending meetings before they become senators.

Report from the Executive Committee

Professor Robert Savinell reported on the December 9th Executive Committee meeting.

1. Honorary Degree Nominations- The Executive Committee approved two additional nominations for honorary degrees. The names of the nominees are confidential until approved by the Board of Trustees.
2. Report on results of Research Committee Survey- Lee Hoffer, chair of the Senate Research Committee, reported on results of a survey conducted by the Committee last spring. Data from the university’s 2010 and 2014 faculty climate survey had indicated

overall dissatisfaction with research but did not provide detail on specific areas of dissatisfaction. The results of this survey will be used to help inform the work of the Strategy Implementation Team for Research. Prof. Hoffer will present the survey results at a Faculty Senate meeting in the spring.

3. Proposed revision to Research Committee charge- The Research Committee is proposing to revise its charge to add an undergraduate student as a member of the Committee. The Executive Committee approved forwarding this proposal to the Senate By-Laws Committee for consideration.
4. Bias Reporting System- The Executive Committee reviewed comments on the bias reporting system from the Senate Committees on Minority Affairs, Faculty Personnel and Women Faculty. These three committees had been charged with reviewing the system and providing comments. The chair of the Senate asked the chairs of the committees to meet and consolidate their comments into one document that can be provided to the Office of Student Affairs.
5. Proposed Addition to the FS By-Laws- The Executive Committee voted to charge the Senate By-Laws Committee with drafting language stating that if a standing committee members misses more than 50% of the meetings, he/she can be asked to step down. The Faculty Handbook contains a provision to this effect for faculty senators.

Development Report

Bruce Loessin, Senior Vice President for University Relations and Development, gave a development update. To date, \$104 million has been raised during the 2016 fiscal year. This is approximately \$20 million ahead of where we were at this time last year. Cash attainment is even farther ahead and compares favorably with our competitors. Alumni participation (undergraduate alumni) has decreased. This affects the university's ranking in U.S. News & World Report. Specific strategies for increasing alumni giving are being implemented. Two years ago the university increased its capital campaign goal from \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion. \$1.25 billion has been raised to date. Since the start of the campaign in 2008, the following funds have been raised: \$152.3 million for scholarships; funding for 76 professorships; and \$373.6 million in endowment funds.

Some of the factors that limit capital campaign attainment are the relatively small size of the alumni base, the university's geographic location, lack of a larger sports program, lack of a continuous history (federation between the schools in 1967) and the closing of programs (such as education and architecture).

The priorities of the capital campaign have expanded to include the campus master plan, student scholarships, funding for departments and faculty, private support for research and international development initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.

Approved by the Faculty Senate

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Weiss". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Approved by the Faculty Senate".

Rebecca Weiss
Secretary of the University Faculty