

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, FACULTY SENATE COUNCIL MINUTES
November 20, 2023

Attending: Dennis Barbour, Jennifer Arch, Maria Quintos Baggstron, Carlos Bernal-Mizrachi, Tammy English, Salvatore (Tore) Gianino, Armando Gomes, Kristina Kleutghen, Timothy McBride, Michelle Miller-Thomas, Gwendalyn Randolph, Iva Youngkills
 Ex Officio: Andrew Martin, Beverly Wendland, Amy Eyler
 Guests: Rebecca Brown, Jennifer Arch, Kia Caldwell,
 On leave: Kim Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

Topic	Lead	Notes on Report/Item	Questions and Answers
Approval of Minutes	T. McBride, Secretary		The minutes were approved
Chancellor's Report	Andrew Martin, Secretary	<p>The Chancellor noted that the Senate met just two weeks ago, so not much new to share.</p> <p>There is an upcoming Board meeting in NYC. Updates on leadership changes: For the Law School, there are two finalists due the week after the Board meeting.</p> <p>Also we have our next Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Administrative Officer under contract. We cannot disclose her name quite yet, but we will get in announcement out to the Washington community soon.</p> <p>With regards to the ongoing crisis in the Middle East and the implications on campus: it's been a relatively quiet last couple weeks and we have avoided many of the protests seen on other campuses. We have not seen widespread use of discriminatory language. We saw some of that on our campus in October, but has subsided since then. There have been some "flier wars" taking place across the campus with various student groups and other groups. Our campus has local control at the building level, about</p>	

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		<p>what can be posted, about where you can post Late last week we had our first Dialogue Across Difference program. It was the first inter route dialogue on these issues, but many of our students are appropriately not yet willing to engage in. But the Vice Chancellor reports it was quite successful.</p> <p>Finally our soccer team is doing great, proceeding in the tournament! So congratulations to our students.</p>	
Chair's Report	Dennis Barbour, Chair	<p>We did a survey faculty last year with the Vice Chancellor of Research. We will be considering that as an item again this year.</p> <p>Over the weekend, we heard about the changes in the new sabbatical policy for A&S and we will discuss this.</p>	
Grading Responsibilities / Privileges for Faculty	Dennis Barbour, Chair	<p>The Chair could not find written documentation on whose job it is to assign grades. Most well documented in the revised academic integrity. There is no final policy around grading assignments.</p>	<p>Q: We have had students contest grades, right? A: Based on convention or tradition</p> <p>Q: What is the appeal process? A: Steps in A&S: first source of appeal. Student can appeal to chair. Next is the Dean.</p> <p>Comment: WUSM has a policy that separate that is; a policy and a grading committee</p> <p>Q: For graduate students? Q: We will leave existing appeal process</p> <p>Q: What if the faculty is the bad actor? Provost: suppose in those rare exceptions there needs to be a mechanism.</p>

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<p>Committee to Examine Remembrance and Commemoration</p>	<p>Rebecca Brown, <i>Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives & University Governance</i></p> <p>Kia Caldwell, <i>Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Diversity</i> Amy Eyler, <i>Professor, Brown School</i></p>	<p>Committee formed by Provost. A PowerPoint was presented and available here.</p> <p>The timeline is January 2023 through now. A report on this will go the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>The Committee did outreach; interviews with 5 institutions. Considered: Foundational Principles, Process, Requirements for Process</p>	<p>Q: How do we balance accuracy? A: Definitions will be difficult; determining whether it indeed accurate or verifiable or sort of evolution</p> <p>Q: What about alignment with campus goals? A: We will have a proactive process; think we are going to resolve worked from 17 principles worked down to 6; selected what was missing; we are learning.</p> <p>Q: Did you consider denaming as well as naming? Is there a separate policy for denaming? Naming A: A policy exists already for naming through advancement.</p>
<p>Student support for Food Insecurity</p>	<p>Gregory Minner, <i>Executive Director, University Services</i></p>	<p>A PowerPoint was presented on the issues facing students.</p>	<p>Q: The average use per day is 25/per day weeks' worth; how many students need? A: Students can reapply as they go. Meet to talk about eating habits.</p> <p>Q: Each distribution relates to food costs. A: We have done benchmarking.</p> <p>Q: Given new financial aid; what if aid runs out? A: 14 students have been awarded by their need by their need</p> <p>Q: Noted that 72% of the students facing issues are off campus; A: Students choose whether to pick a higher plan or not –minimum they can get is a silver plan.</p> <p>Q: Not enough housing for juniors and seniors. Related?</p>

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			<p>A: they have the ability to get a higher meal plan; may want their own food; but they are asking 150 points.</p> <p>Q: are they getting dropped through the cracks? Living in apartments?</p> <p>A: They are not getting forced. Not enough rooms. We do have students living in other places.</p> <p>Provost: housing requires first year students on campus. We are trying to get to a place for 1st and 2nd year students and do not have the inventory for guaranteed inventory. There are – for students on financial aid and holds for financial aid. The Provost suggests questions asked about this in financial aid</p> <p>Q: Is there an opportunity for using food dollars for off campus?</p> <p>A: Can use points for operation food search</p> <p>Q: What percentage of undergrads –</p> <p>A: Everyone has to have a meal plan</p>
Other Business		None	
Executive Session		Executive session started at 5:06 pm.	
Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted by Timothy McBride