



# Faculty Senate

801 Campus Drive

Sheena Hernandez—President  
Phil Hoke—Vice President  
Will Friesen—Secretary  
Elizabeth Wampler—Senator  
Nicole Dick—Senator  
Chris Turpin—Senator  
Perla Salazar—Senator  
Elizabeth Tharman—Alternate

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## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 6, 2018

JOYC 1404 @ 2:00pm

- A. **Call to order:** 2:00 PM
  - B. **Present:** Hernandez, Hoke, Wampler, Turpin, Tharman, Jenkins, Kristalyn, Poteet
  - C. **Absent:** Friesen, Dick, Salazar
  - D. **Approval of minutes:** Previous minutes approved via electronic vote.
1. **Report from College Council:**
    - a. (March 7): Dr. Swender was absent; Ryan Ruda presided. The HLC site visit will be in November instead of December; the Assurance Argument is now due in September. However, committees are still on schedule and even ahead in places.
    - b. (March 21) No different report (from Board meeting). Another briefing from ROTC about their land-nav courses, the new John Deere instructor begins Monday. It is possible to get announcements and notices on the campus monitors/talk to Kevin Schlegel. HLC/Date for visit is Nov 5-7, 4 member team (different from before); assurance argument must be to them by September 10, then having specific preparation sessions to help prepare for site team panels. Campus Safety—first arrest in over a year (former student—drunk and going through vehicles, caught)/Opioids coming into community (heroin, fentanyl, and combinations); adding education opportunities on campus. A Payroll Deduction policy was introduced to protect college assets that are often not returned when an employee resigns. It would affect new employees, but may also be retroactive.
    - c. (April 4): There have been some “personnel opportunities” lately, according to Dr. Swender. Beware of rumors; if you hear something, you are encouraged to bring it to Swender and/or HR. Rodeo April 6-8 (Swender out of town Friday/Employee meeting cancelled; rescheduled)  
Endowment Auction April 13  
Wanda Baker/Faculty Assessment Training April 13 (remember to read workbook)  
Women in Tech Event April 13

There was some discussion about pronoun usage in higher ed. Dr. Swender is open to discussion if anyone has input. He also talked about the money spent on facilities. Last Chance U made an offer to the college to feature it; it will be politely declined.

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**E. Report from Board of Trustees:**

- a. March 20: The public comment was an ROTC instructor discussion scholarships and updates on legislation. President Swender provided an update on various happenings around campus. The institutions cohort default rate is one of the lowest in the state, 6.6 percent (lower than the last two years). SGA River cleanup is scheduled for April 21. Bootleggers Ball (Endowment) is set for April 13. Athletics highlighted their recent achievements in cheerleading and the heptathlon (Denim Rogers). Faculty Senate reported on the upcoming luncheon, professional development, and the role of faculty in assessment and preparing for HLC. Ryan Ruda and Jacque Messinger issued praise to faculty for their active participation.

**F. Old Business**

1. Building lunches have concluded as of March 2. Fine Arts had scheduling conflicts, so their building lunch was canceled for this year.
2. Hoke/Learning Communities update  
(April 27 2pm/Jeanie Ferguson and Quiz Bowl)—we need teams! Go about gathering teams.
3. Nominations for Faculty Senate closed March 2, and voting on nominees closed March 9. The new senate members are Larry Jenkins and Seth Kristalyn, with Amy Poteet serving as senate alternate.
4. Faculty Luncheon—April 27; the endowment room has been reserved and set up requested, and the menu had been ordered, and Tim Routon will provide entertainment. We gave a number of 94 (which is high—we will be able to make adjustments closer to time). The only people retiring so far are Judy Whitehill and Mary Cervantes (we also want to acknowledge faculty that are leaving). We will need to
  - Arrange for Awards and Engravings (Turpin)
  - Awards Nominations have been completed
  - Vote on nominations: Deadline April 11

**G. New Business:**

- a. **Congratulations to Phil Hoke on his new venture (opening a restaurant)!**
- b. **End of Year Bash is scheduled for May 10. Faculty will be in finals at that time, so many may not be able to attend. Will bring this to administration attention.**
- c. **Update on Negotiations—so far it is going well and cordially.**

**H. Executive Session: None Called**

**I. Next meeting: April 11, 2018 @ 4:00 PM**

**J. Adjourned: 2:44 PM**

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