



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

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 15, 2017

BTSC Cafeteria (“Ice Cream with President Swender”) 3:00pm

1. **Call to order:** 3:02 PM
2. **Present:** Phil Terpstra, Sheena Hernandez, Larry Pander, Elizabeth Wampler, Nicole Dick, Chris Turpin, Winsom Lamb, Nick Salazar, Holly Chandler, Judy Whitehill, Jeanie Ferguson, Dr. Swender, Amy Poteet, Phil Hoke, Leonard Rodenbur, Perla Salazar, Will Friesen, Jackie Messinger.
3. **Absent:** Elizabeth Tharman
4. **Approval of minutes:** Approved.
5. **Report from College Council**
 - a. College Council meeting Wednesday, September 6 @ 1:30pm
Different groups/committees from campus discussed their recent accomplishments and plans for Fall 2017. Minutes from College Council were sent to everyone (bustermail) from Debbie Atkinson. As seen, the college is getting rid of cable TV except in limited areas. If your area needs cable, let someone know.
 - b. The next College Council meeting is Wednesday, September 20 @ 1:30pm.
6. **Report from Board of Trustees**
 - a. Board meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12 @ 6:00pm
 - i. In place of Hernandez, Larry Pander (ex-officio) made comments about the direction of FS. Program reviews were discussed.
 - ii. Discussed sales tax increase for community improvements that would also benefit the college community. No plans to raise property taxes.
7. **Question and Answer time with Dr. Swender**
 - a. Dr. Swender stressed that he is always open to questions and comments about anything but personnel. Dr. Swender also discussed the community sales tax increase.
 - b. Jeanie Ferguson asked about a statement about whether a statement will be issued about DACA. DACA students are nervous and need clarification. Dr. Swender responded that students who show up to this college will receive an education.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. Swender/Ice Cream and Hot Chocolate Socials
 - b. Hoke/Learning Communities update
 - i. (September/Will Friesen and Magical Chemistry)
 - ii. This was an amazing display of the sciences. Many faculty and staff greatly enjoyed the presentation. Thank you to Dr. Friesen and Phil Hoke for putting this together. Next month (October), Brian McCallum will present on

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assessment for October. Amy Poteet will present in November. The Spring Learning Communities are scheduled - More details to follow.

- c. Hoke/Gen Ed Discovery Day—October 26 – Division Leaders will be in discussion.
- d. Exploration Day – November 2 - 500+ kids expected

9. New Business

- a. We need 2 faculty members (preferably 1 gen ed, 1 tech—does not have to be FS member) to be on the faculty/staff handbook committee. One person, Tracy Lamb, has already agreed to serve; this covers tech but not gen. ed. Ask around your building to see if anyone is interested and get back to Hernandez by next meeting (try not to get any new faculty or anyone on several committees already). *Holly Chandler and Tracy Lamb has volunteered.*
- b. A faculty member has asked us to make sure there is faculty representation on the Calendar Committee this year. Major concerns are that starting on a Tuesday does not save very many late enrollees and that final exams should begin on Monday as well. Other concerns can be brought up in that committee. It does not necessarily need to be an FS member who is on that committee, though I will ask Administration to let us in on the conversation. Any suggestions would be appreciated.
- c. We need to review the mission of Faculty Senate and specify. For next meeting and if you can, come up with some ideas that you think FS needs to add to its role on campus.
 - i. Example: Spearheading faculty trainings on campus (so we get more tailored trainings). Those with input should email Will Friesen
- d. Phil Terpstra introduced Jackie (Jacquilyn) Messinger. She wanted to give a heads-up on the curriculum committee. They will expand that to curriculum and instruction committee and want the faculty more involved in this area. There will be more structure and more clearly delineated guidelines. There were will a few more standing committees that will be specific for faculty to become more involved. No one person should be so involved in committees that they will be unable to do their normal work load. She will be forthcoming with information about the program review process. She stressed that open communication is very important.

10. Next Meeting: September 29, 3:00 pm, JOYC 1404

11. Adjourned: 3:58 pm

12. Executive Session