

MUW
FACULTY SENATE

February 12, 2016
Cromwell 240

Members Present: Lee Crouse, Cathy Smith, Ashley Chisolm, Royal Toy, Kimberly Dorsey, Rick Montalto, Nancy Wheeley, Youn Mi Lee, Michael Calvery, Ian Childers, Tammy Bolton, Michelle Harmon, Carey McCarter, Steven McCorkle, Melissa Smith

President Lee Crouse called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

Melissa Smith made a motion to approve the December minutes as amended. Tammy Bolton seconded the motion. The December Faculty Senate minutes were approved as amended.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Council Report – Lee

There is a \$328,000 mid-year budget cut.

Leave reports will be transitioning and be online in July. Time reports will follow.

Expanded Presidents Cabinet- Lee

The budget formula may be modified.

SACS completion requirements may be folded into the accreditation process.

Monthly Meeting with President – Lee

If HB 758 passes, IHL could not prohibit firearm restrictions. There will be a continued watch as the bill works its way through the legislature.

The House legislative budget hearing took place, and IHL received twenty minutes to present. The Senate budget hearing will be in the next few weeks.

It is likely that the university will receive flat funding next year. IHL is still committed to obtaining the remainder of the 5% raise.

SGA- Quincy Hughes

SGA is working on Resolution 1, which deals with the state flag. SGA President mentioned that a majority of the student body wants to see a change in the state flag. There is an upcoming meeting of all IHL SGA presidents where they hope to finalize the resolution and present it to the legislature. SGA President stated that he has urged the students to write letters to legislators advocating for a change in the flag.

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Staff Council- Tyler Wheat

There is to be an open session in March with a representative who deals with retirement. The session will be the first week in March and will be a question and answer session with the company representative. All faculty and staff are invited to attend.

Unfinished Business:

Faculty Welfare Committee

Not much has occurred with the Faculty Welfare Committee since the last Faculty Senate Meeting. The committee has a meeting planned next month to pick up with the work.

Faculty Salary

A letter for the Provost concerning faculty salary is under consideration of the Executive Committee.

State Flag

There were 118 faculty responses to the survey. Steven McCorkle presented the survey information to the senators. A letter was then presented to the Senate addressing the outcomes of the survey. Royal Toy made a motion to accept the letter and publish it. Carey McCarter seconded the motion. Senators approved the publication of this letter.

Dr. Borsig has offered funds for the W to host all IHL Faculty Senate Presidents to create a joint resolution to change the state flag.

There are two bill proposals to watch: SB 2147 and SB 2148. One is to establish a commission to redesign the state flag and the other is to change the design to the magnolia flag.

New Business:

Funding Requests: There were outpourings of faculty requests for funding. There were eight more Fund A requests (totaling \$2200) and not enough money remaining in Fund A to cover all requests. President Crouse wanted thoughts on using the remaining Fund B money to cover the Fund A requests. Additionally, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee would give their funds over to aid in funding the Fund A requests. Royal Toy moved to approve these actions. Melissa Smith seconded the motion. Faculty Senate approved the use of these additional funds to cover the remaining requests. (Rick Montalto abstained from voting on this matter.)

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Policy Reviews:

PS 1313: Criteria and Procedure for Faculty Salary Increases

Steven McCorkle moved that there were no recommended changes to this policy. Royal Toy seconded the motion. All senators approved.

PS 9301: Travel as a University Employee

There was a recommendation by Royal Toy that the hyperlink be taken out of the policy and for additional details be given regarding University. Steven McCorkle seconded the motion. The senate approved the policy as amended.

FS Funds for Black Faculty/Staff Association

A suggestion was made to recommend that the event seek out discretionary funds with the Provost to pay for food.

All faculty and staff are invited to attend the interest meeting on February 25th at 12:30p.m. in Cromwell 240.

Other:

Our next meeting will take place on March 11, 2016. President Lee Crouse adjourned the meeting at 1:02p.m.