



**Faculty Senate**

**Minutes**

**February 11, 2016**

Present: D. Boerth Y. Chen C. Du  
B. Dong J. Edwards G. Fay  
R. Flanagan M. Hall S. Jenkins  
W. LeBlanc H. Michel N. O'Connor  
G. O'Rielly Z. Painter J. Paraskeva  
S. Raidy-Klein A. Revell D. Roscoe  
K. Saltman S. Parayitam F. Scarano  
A. Tandon G. Wang C. Wang  
E. Winiarz Y. Zuo

Absent: D. Borim E. Carreiro P. Cox  
J. Blitefield M. Goodman M. Guo  
E. Hart A. Hausknecht Y. Kim  
R. Laoulache S. Macrine Y. Magrass  
L. Knauer C. Miraglia J. Mistler  
S. Ordoobadi N. Rubien M. Schuler  
P. Walsh J. Wang S. White  
J. Wu

Guests: P. Bacdayan K. Christopher A. Shapiro  
P. Moisander M. Zarrillo D. Milstone  
T. Meressi M. Karim C. Smilan  
M.L. Bilek

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes from December 2, 2015

-Andrew Revell motion to approve the minutes.

-Maureen Hall seconded the motion.

-Motion carried.

### 3. President's Report

-Three items to discuss:

#### 1) Leadership Transition

- Leadership Transition- Doug Roscoe feels that he has been kept in the loop through President Meehan. Doug reported that Meehan wanted to know how faculty were perceiving how things were going. Meehan has kept the faculty in the loop. Over January break, Doug gathered together an ad-hoc group of representative faculty to meet with Randy Helm and provide feedback to President Meehan.
- Ken Saltman expressed great concern that Doug Roscoe did not have representation from the Education Academic Council (EAC). Doug said that Chandra Orrill was a part of this group, but Ken pointed out that Orrill is not on the EAC. Doug said that he tried to have representation from all areas of the university, and included faculty from each of the senate councils.
- Nancy O'Connor asked if Doug would comment on the new person that would be the Interim Chancellor. Doug explained that Meehan wants to bring together a "working group" for identifying concerns and presumably a formal search committee would come together to find a new Chancellor.

2) New Teaching Award called the Manning Award. This teaching award will come with a \$10,000 stipend.

3) Proposal for the College of Education, Portuguese, and Lusophone Studies. A formal proposal has been submitted. This proposal has been sent out to all of the deans and the departments involved for feedback. Then there will be a recommendation and then the

-Grant O'Rielly asked to whom questions should be addressed about this new proposal.

-Grant O'Rielly also wanted to know if there were any comments about the recent events at Mount St. Mary's about the abrupt dismissal of faculty members.

#### 4. Provost's Report

The following accreditation visits are in process:

-ABA Accreditation

-College of Nursing Accreditation

-College of Business Accreditation

- Law School Accreditation

-Enrollments are up on all fronts, which is promising.

## Budget

- The Provost explained the fiscal situation at the university.
- A handout entitled, “Crunching FY16” was given out.
- He put forth that there’d be a zero balance for FY16.

Grant O’Rielly asked about spending on retention. Grant brought up the fact that a lot of money has been spent on retention (MapWorks, etc...) and these efforts haven’t significantly affected enrollment in a positive direction.

David Milstone responded to this question about how the data is collected separately across three colleges. His point is that it is hard to glean from the data as to why students are leaving.

Grant and David talked about the trends in enrollment. Grant said that there was a drop last year. David asserted that numbers had gone up.

Doug talked about budgeting according to a “vacancy pool.” Doug’s question is about budget process.

## 5. Selection of Faculty for Review of Provost

Doug explained that there’d be two faculty from each academic council. He went over additional details about the process. Names were selected by randomly sorting spreadsheets of each academic council. The names selected were:

Michael	Anderson	Accounting/Finance Dept	CCB
Deborah	Armstrong	Adult and Child Nursing	NUR
Nora	Barnes	Management & Marketing	CCB
Jesse	Bazzul	STEM Ed. & Teacher Develop.	EDU
Ralph	Clifford	Faculty Law School	LAW
Avijit	Gangopadhyay	Estuarine & Ocean Sciences	SMAST
Dawn	Gross	Library Technical Services	LIB
Carol	Mallory	Faculty Law School	LAW
Cristina	Mehrtens	History Department	HUM
Joao	Paraskeva	Education Leadership Dept	EDU
Elizabeth	Richardson	Psychology Department	SSCI
Melissa	Silvia	Chemistry/Biochemistry Dept	NSCI
Kevin	Stokesbury	Estuarine & Ocean Sciences	SMAST
Amit	Tandon	Mechanical Engineering Dept	EGR
Alan	Thompson	Artisanry	VPA
Philip	Viall	Electrical/Computer Eng Dept	EGR

Parag	Waknis	Economics Department	SSCI
Paula	Walsh	Community Nursing Dept	NUR
Benjamin	Winslow	Biology Dept	NSCI
Janine	Wong	Design Department	VPA
Shannon	Zellars-Strohl	English Department	HUM

#### By-law Review Committee

- Review of procedures to review administrators
- Review of election procedures:
  - slots to Council vs. at-large
  - online election to Faculty Senate
- Review of committee structure

#### 6. University Studies

- D. Roscoe gave history of program
- 250 courses approved
- Most clusters have sufficient courses. Some holes in 5A and 5B. One year community service option for students with difficulty in meeting 5B requirement.

#### 7. Other business

##### Accessibility Ad-Hoc Committee Motion

- Andrew Revell moved approval. Nancy O'Connor seconded.
- Sponsored by Andrew Revell who provided a brief rationale for why the committee is needed.
- Grant O'Reilly – change to ad hoc
- Shannon Jenkins – student representative from anywhere
- Grant O-Reilly – add graduate student representative
- Nancy O'Connor – add Environmental Health and Safety
- Sue Raidy-Klein – do we want flexibility in language about composition
- Motion passes unanimously

##### Input on CITS Issues

- Nancy O'Connor - FILP program: laptops aging
- Shannon Jenkins - Faculty research software purchase not supported
- Don Boerth - Software for use in advanced courses not provided
- Andrew Revell – introductory courses, training on software packages for new faculty, graduate students
- Provide additional input to Doug Roscoe
- Grant O'Reilly – statement on Mount St. Mary's
- Nancy O'Connor moved to adjourn. Sue Raidy-Klein seconded. Motion carried.