

Faculty Senate Minutes: 5 February 2021

In Attendance: Rex Strange, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Jinsuk Yang, Jamie Seitz, Bartell Berg, Chuck Conaway, Michael Strezewski, Mary Doerner, Steve Gruenewald, Marilyn Ostendorf, Adrian Gentle, Kenneth Purcell, Laura Bernhardt
Temporary Secretary – Kenny Purcell

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (22 Jan 2021); approval with one abstention

2. Chair's Report

AAC&U – The chair of senate was added

Core Director position – it was suggested that Senate endorse the new Director. The Provost agreed

Committees are meeting:

SAC has chosen the President's Medal recipient

EBC asked about charges. They were referred to their standing charges

Assessment Committee has begun dialog with Core Council

3. Provost's Report –

Employee recognition

Planned for March/April virtual event.

Non-TT faculty will be recognized at 5 years, along with support staff and admin;

Tenured faculty will be recognized at the next 5 years as they are recognized when awarded tenure

Chairs of governance groups will make remarks at the virtual event

Convocation

Late march/early April – virtual to recognize promotions and award recipients

Exploring working with Industrial Engineering students at Purdue – project involves dept from each college – students will meet with faculty re: how to conduct analysis of the program (feedback on the students' template). – Faculty Senate should give the students their feedback

Charge regarding early retirement – response from charge?

At this point the Administration is not pursuing that option

Grad Studies policy changes – Dr. Michael Dixon present

Question: Does the policy change re: affiliate graduate faculty lead to a handbook change as well?

It doesn't look like Faculty Senate has to approve the change. It has been approved by all relevant bodies. This was presented in order to keep Faculty Senate informed.

Motion to endorsed – seconded – motion carried unanimously

4. New Business

a) USI Faculty Representative to the ICHE nominating committee

It was suggested that Rex ask Trent Engbers (the current Faculty representative on ICHE); Motion to ask Trent Engbers – seconded – Kent Scheller if Trent Engbers declines – motion carried unanimously

b) Charge 2021_02: Introduced by Kenny Purcell; motion to accept and seconded; Friendly amendment to send to FAAC for recommendations, Friendly amendment seconded and approved by author; motion carried unanimously

Feb 8 – in person classes begin. Please continue to follow safety protocols. We will continue to maintain 6 ft guidance even if there are changes in K-12 policies

Meeting adjourned – 3:18 PM