

MUW Faculty Senate Minutes
November 10, 2023
Via Zoom

Attendance:

Bronwyn Teague
Kristy Alpe
Elizabeth Fountain
Rose Ford
Leslie Stratyner
Catherine Cotton
Melissa Smith
Lestonio Yarbrough
Chad Murphy
Jared Quist
Ghanshyam Heda
Shana Lenoir
Holly Krogh
Stephen Meek

Absent:

Susan Hurley
Lindsey Kemp
Carol Dowdy

Proxy:

Brian Burnes (proxy for Chanley Rainey)
Jon Fessenden (proxy for Susan Hurley)

Guest:

President Nora Miller

1. Call to Order - 12:00 p.m.
2. Guest: President Miller-Discussion on the name change progress. Women's College Working Group update was provided.
3. Approval of Minutes from October (regular and special sessions) – Motion passed unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes with one abstaining by Leslie Stratyner. Approval of the MUW Faculty Senate Special Session Minutes—Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes with the necessary grammatical changes.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Administrative Council (distributed by email on 11/3)

Note that the Naming Taskforce recently completed their work and has now been disbanded. A branding taskforce has been created to further prepare us for the name change rollout in January.

Branding work has begun for the name change. The new name and branding will be presented to the legislature in January. We can expect the new name to be kept quiet until that time.

Campus Cleanup went well. Lots of October events on campus: Oktoberfest, Welty Week, concerts, sports events, and a wellness fair. Check email and the campus calendar for details.

New historical markers will be installed on campus. One of the first ones during Welty Week on October 19th. This marker will honor one of the first women to desegregate the W. (I was unable to find more information online.)

Construction updates: HVAC upgrades are finishing up. Preplanning is underway on Old Pohl, Hogarth, Jones (residence hall), and a south campus chiller plant. Renovations for Jones include balcony renovations and ADA compliance upgrades. LED bulb project is underway; this is a 5-year plan that should eventually decrease lighting costs. The results of our 20-year-old master plan are being assessed, and we will get a new one for the next 20 years.

Our SACS document was submitted on September 8th. We should have feedback by the end of the calendar year. The on-site visit will happen at the beginning of March.

Cyber security awareness training will roll out this week. Training takes less than 30 minutes. It is required for our insurance, by the state, and by our auditor. Employees will be locked out of all systems if they do not complete the training within 45 days.

October is open enrollment. Check your email and follow the instructions as there are mandatory sessions for certain benefits and plans.

Staff Council has a new program for recognizing staff members. They will send notes of appreciation to staff on request. These will be signed by Staff Council. You can request a note for a staff member by contacting Tequila McCoy.

Student Government Association (SGA): working with other IHL SGA presidents on student food insecurity.

- b. Meeting with the President (scheduled for 11/14; report to be distributed by email)
- c. Academic Council (report shared with meeting materials)—see attachment.
- d. PIE Council—verbal report by Shana Lenoir on the discussion in the September and October meetings. The Graduation Survey 2022-2023 was reviewed by the committee.
- e. Funds A and B
 - Fund A has \$3800 with one application pending.
 - Fund B \$1200 in the account. Holly encouraged faculty to apply and utilize the funds.

5. New Business

a. Policy Statements

- i. Learning Management System Access—Leslie Stratyner shared the proposed policy from the subcommittee. Much discussion about operating details. Needs further wording on how to handle team teaching where the supervisor has access. Discussion on details for timing of notification by the supervisor. The subcommittee is to meet and provide revisions.
- ii. PS 3507 Faculty Research Committee—minor suggestive change to define the committee's responsibility. Update to the director's title. No additional changes were made. Motion passed unanimously to approve the policy as presented.
- iii. PS 3528 Faculty Grievance Committee—no changes made. Motion passed unanimously to approve the policy.

6. Other

Campus Constitution should be open to all faculty to vote through the LMS. Any questions should be directed to their prospective senator.

7. Adjournment by Holly Krogh. The next meeting will be December 8th.

Submitted respectively,

Shana Lenoir