

Faculty Senate Minutes, September 16, 2025

President Jackie Johnston called the meeting to order.

Julie Ratliff moved to accept August minutes, second by Rebecca Gardner. Motion carried.

Treasurer report by Maryna Svirska-Otera; there was no change in treasury amount.

Faculty Awards – Jackie is working on the Minnie Stephens Piper award packet.

Jackie gave the board policy update for Faculty Senate.

Bylaws changes are on Blackboard indicating changes to ensure that we are following the guidelines of the Senate bill. College president will appoint president, vice-president, secretary from six elected senators, two from each of academic transfer, workforce, and health science.

Standing committee members will be selected from faculty at large.

Motion by Chantel Sokol to approve the new bylaws conforming our present bylaws to the senate bill. Second by Karyn Skaar, motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Gardner has agreed to be secretary as the Health Science person on the executive committee.

Move to adjourn by Karyn Skaar, second by Jill Dietze. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Richey, Retiring Secretary

Brief Summary: Generated from AI

The Faculty Senate meeting focused on finalizing updates to the Faculty Senate bylaws to comply with Senate Bill 37, which mandates structural and procedural changes. The group reviewed the new Faculty Senate webpage, discussed committee updates, and emphasized the urgency of compliance to avoid dissolution. Key changes include restructuring the executive committee, defining senator representation, and removing adjunct faculty and compensation provisions. Plans were made to elect senators and finalize nominations for executive roles.

Key Bullet Points:

Faculty Senate Webpage:

New webpage created as required by Senate Bill 37.

Will include meeting agendas, minutes, and senator names once finalized.

Committee Reports:

No changes to Treasurer's report.

Mini Piper Faculty awards packet received.

Student scholarship committee needs donations.

Ways and Means committee awaiting updates due to leadership changes.

Bylaws Update Highlights:

Must comply with Senate Bill 37.

Faculty Senate capped at 60 members.

Each division (Arts & Sciences, Workforce, Health Sciences) elects 2 senators.

Executive Committee now includes only President, Vice President, Secretary.

These roles are appointed by the college president based on elected senators.

Faculty Senate meetings must be live-streamed.

Adjunct faculty and course reduction compensation for the president removed for compliance.

Committee membership will be appointed by Faculty Senate, not fixed in number.

Duties of Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Historian reassigned to the three executive roles.

Compliance & Urgency:

Compliance with Senate Bill 37 is mandatory to avoid abolition.

Governor's office has contacted the college regarding progress.

Future Structure:

Faculty Assembly may be created to house non-Senate functions.

Faculty Senate will handle official business; Faculty Assembly may handle broader faculty engagement.

Election Process:

Senators to be elected from each division.

Nominations to be submitted via Microsoft Forms.

Deadline for nominations: End of September.

Executive Committee already selected; names to be submitted to administration.

Tasks to Be Completed:

Update Faculty Senate Webpage:

Add meeting minutes, senator names, and Teams link.

Finalize Bylaws:

Remove references to adjunct faculty and course reduction compensation.

Submit revised bylaws to administration for approval.

Set Up Nomination Form:

Create and distribute Microsoft Form for senator nominations.

Include option for self-nomination or nominating others.

Elect Senators:

Organize elections within each division.

Ensure representation from Arts & Sciences, Workforce, and Health Sciences.

Submit Executive Committee Names:

Provide selected names to college president for formal appointment.

Create Faculty Assembly Structure:

Rename Blackboard organization.

Set up discussion board for public commentary and recommendations.

Ensure Live Streaming Capability:

Confirm platform (Teams or Zoom) for public access.

Coordinate with IT and communications for setup.

Coordinate with Website Manager:

Determine best placement and format for public links and documents.