

## **Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting on 2022-August-11**

**Senators Present** – Annie Adams, J.T. Blackledge, Stephen Brigham, Nettie Brock, Nathania Bush, Doug Chatham, Cheng Cheng, Jennifer Clark, Michele Cudd, David Eisenhour, Heba Elgazzar, Kimberly Fatten, Julia Finch, Wilson Gonzalez-Espada, Timothy Hare, Ahmad Hassan, Alison Hruby, Kouroush Jenab, Katelyn Kaufman, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Thomas Kmetz, Lesia Lennex, David Long, Ronald Morrison, Roma Prindle, Josh Qualls, Sherif Rashad, Janet Ratliff, Allen Risk, Kimberlee Sharp, Sherry Stultz, Vijay Subramaniam, Karen Taylor, Wesley White

**Senators not Present** – Robert Boram, Steve Chen, Pam Colyer, DuWayne Dale, Amber Hughes, Nilesh Joshi

**Provost** – Not Present

**President** – Not Present

**Faculty Regent** – Annie Adams

**Staff Congress** – Not present

**SGA Vice-President** – Not Present

**Guests** – Joel Pace

**ADS** – Susan Perry

### **Aug 11, 2022 – 3:45-5:35 PM**

- Call to order @ 3:45 pm
- Approval of May 5 minutes – Motion to Approve: Senator Hassan; Second: Senator Kiffmeyer; All in favor; No one opposed; APPROVED
- Announcements:
  - Look at Provost email regarding syllabi updates
  - Donate to the truck being taken to Eastern KY. Trucks on back side of Enrollment Services building
- President's report – Not present; no report. The President should be at next meeting
- Provost's report – Not present; no report. The Provost should be at next meeting
- Faculty Regent's report – Regent Adams:
  - There were two meetings over summer, one in June and one in August. At the last meeting two tenure lines were approved; the new faculty administrator in Ag and, due to an oversight, Dr. Norman had not been granted tenure and promotion. It was granted at this meeting.
  - Asset Preservation Fund is mainly being used for HVAC. At this time, we do not know if Baird will be renovated using these funds.
  - The new Board Bylaws were approved in June. The report is forthcoming.
- Staff Congress report – Not present; no report
- SGA report – Not present; no report
- FS Committee reports
  - Executive Committee
  - Academic Issues – Senator Jenab: 50% Rule will be replaced
  - Evaluation – Senator Lennex: Blackboard annual evaluation processes – The committee would like something more robust than the Blackboard shell that is currently available for tenure and promotion. Blackboard does not support the Annual Evaluation Process. Thus, the idea was rejected and sent forward to the provost.
  - Faculty Welfare and Concerns – Senator Kauffman: No report
  - Governance – Senator Finch: Committee makeup – Some members stepped down at the end of last semester. She has a slate for Academic Appeals Committee and Faculty Promotion Committee. One is a replacement and one is to fill an at large position that was not filled on the previous Faculty Promotion Committee.
    - Academic Appeals Committee – There are two candidates from COBT, Jon Musgrave (COBT 2022-2024) and Lucus Lunt (COBT 2022-2024). Rebecca Roach (VCoE 2022-2024) for an at large position.
    - Faculty Promotion Committee – Stacy Baker (CAHS 2022-2023) will be completing an at large position for a faculty member who left the university.

- Teresa Ellett (2022-2025) will serve as at large.
  - August 15<sup>th</sup> is the official transition date when terms end/begin.
  - Motion to Approve this slate: Senator Sharp; Seconded by: Senator Gonzales-Espada; All in favor; None opposed; APPROVED
  - The website will be updated.
  - Senator Rashad – He will not be able to serve on the Tenure Committee because he just served for one term. Serving two consecutive terms are not allowed. Senator Finch will get it figured out before the semester gets going.
- Senator Finch is stepping off Faculty Senate but will help transfer things to the new Governance Committee Chair.
- New business – None
- Old business –
  - Senator Brock: Final Exam Schedule – Wednesdays off during finals week should start in the spring. They get off on the same time Friday. The days of finals should be mostly aligned with the days on which classes occurred.
  - Senator Brock: New UAR regarding Academic Appeals – Final language not sent yet, but it looks good as long as others agreed.
  - Senator Stultz: Teaching Committee – Enhanced due dates –
    - Distinguished Teacher Award for Tenure and Tenure Track and another for Instructors
    - Rubric through CoB that may be able to be used universally by all members and can be passed down.
    - The DTA call for nominations will be due in the fall semester around November. The portfolios will be due to the Provost in January. That may be earlier than in the past. The Provost will send that to the Excellence in Teaching Committee. There will be two months that the committee can do observations. If two awards are approved, that will give more time. The recipients will be notified to the Provost by late April. The Provost will contact the Distinguished Teach Award recipients in the latter part of June.
    - Sabbatical Leave Requests – Due to the Provost in October. After they've gone through the department and the Dean, the Provost will send the requests to the Excellence and Teaching Committee in the latter part of October. This committee recommendation on the portfolio will be sent to the Provost in early to mid-November.
  - Senator Brigham: Recycling on campus hasn't been going to recycling. It is being thrown in the garbage. It is not an academic matter but should be on the top of our list. President Long: We will take the issue up with administration. Senator Lennex: Part of the operating budget is supposed to be contributed to recycling.
- Adjourn - 5-minute break; seating of the 2022-23 Faculty Senate and committees

## **2022-2023 Faculty Senate Organization and Committee Seating**

- Call to order and opening of Faculty Senate 2021-22
- Caucus of each College to select Executive Council member candidates – President Long: There may be some senators that were elected yesterday or today but did not make it to this meeting. They're not eligible because they are not at this meeting.
  - Nominees
    - College of Education – Lesia Lennex (MGSE)
    - College of Science – Katelyn Kaufman and Doug Chatham
    - College of Business – Joyce Stubbs
    - Caudill College – Timothy Hare
- Election of Faculty Senate Executive Council members (online voting); one from each College
  - College of Science – Katelyn Kaufman vs. Doug Chatham – Online and in-person voting – Senator Chatham received the majority of the votes.
  - The Executive Committee Members are Lesia Lennex, Doug Chatham, Joyce Stubbs, Timothy Hare and David Long

