

Natural Sciences and Mathematics Council Meeting Minutes
11 December 2018 in SU2579 3:30-5:00 PM

1. Call to Order

- Presiding: Kathy Shan
- Present: Alessandro Arsie, John Bellizzi, Yashika Bhoge, Maria Diakonova, Kathy Fisher (secretary), Sally Harmych, Michael Heben, David Krantz, Brenda Leady, Tom Megeath, Kristi Mock, Song Qian, Von Sigler, and Sibylle Weck-Schwarz
- Absent: Terry Bigioni (excused), Qin Shao (excused), Rebecca Sturges (excused)
- Others: John Plenefisch

Approval of Minutes

- Nov 13 approved

2. Unfinished Business

3. University Reports and Proposals

a. Faculty Senate

David Krantz:

- At university level they are looking into formalizing the policy for Emeritus status to standardize across departments
- Policy related to College Tech fee
 - John P: Our college tech fee is used to support technology in the classrooms or in laboratory classes, has to be used for things for students
 - Last year there was a big increase in tax on tech fees (but a reduced amount left in the college for tech requests).
 - This change was implemented in the fall.
 - David: Provost says this is helping balance budget, approx. 1.5 million dollars university-wide
 - Sibylle: technology fees increased from 11% to 26%
 - Brenda: the same thing happened with lab fees, used to buy supplies to use to teach our students. The money has been taken out and we can't get it back.
 - David: And we can't raise lab fees, this is an ongoing change.
 - Tom: the bulk of these fees come from our college (David: and engineering)
 - Kathy F: Is the NSM fee the same thing?
 - John: that's a fee for our college
 - David: our courses tend to be more expensive to teach.
 - Brenda: the lab fee depends on the cost of the course
- Requests for liability insurance for student organizations

- State will come up with a blanket policy statement for the 14 universities in the Ohio system
- College of Graduate Studies is now doing a graduate recruitment
- State Legislature has a free speech on college campuses bill going through now
- Another bill will require a committee to review information from each university in the state system due to state concerns that tenured faculty aren't contributing enough to undergrad education curriculum
- Proposed policy for defining and designating Service Learning Courses at the University Level
- Dean's Survey and Review Process
 - Anonymous reviewers made inflammatory comments in our college and another
 - Law professors gave opinion as did University Council
 - It's questionable whether faculty, the university or the college could be sued for defamation
 - Legal opinions, ethical opinions, censorship were all discussed
 - Part of the concern was the mechanism of sharing the comments – these were shared by an email attachment
 - Concluded evaluation is important Information – one of the only ways a faculty member has leverage to address issues (otherwise they would have to address issues to Provost, President or Board of Trustees)
 - Present administration isn't an issue but could be future consideration.
 - Present rule says only that comments will be shared.
 - Senate agreed (through vote) that in future, comments will be shared with college faculty through a secure shared drive.
- Sibylle:
 - Some voted against because felt only data should be shared but not comments
 - Board of trustees doesn't want the comments published – would not agree on proposed new senate constitution if this is part of it.
 - Everybody can look at comments because of Public Records Issue, if they are requested

b. Graduate Council

Kathy Shan (for Brian):

- RCR Training for New Graduate Students
 - Will hold a spring semester session Saturday March 23. More to come
- Enrollment Status and Time to Degree (revised policy signed in October)
 - Fall/Spring semesters: 9 cr hrs
 - Summer: 6 cr hrs
- Spring Semester Enrollment
 - Get graduate students enrolled ASAP
 - Programs will be receiving a weekly report of unregistered students
- Principal Investigator's Responsibilities on Sponsored Projects (revised policy posted for comments until December 17)

- All faculty who seek or have externally funded grants should look at and comment on this policy
- Michael: I noticed the new policy didn't have red-lining so it's hard to review the changes

4. College reports

NSM Chairs Meeting (Kathy Shan)

- New proposal submission form on Website, if you don't use the correct form, it won't be looked at
- Dates for spring honors recruitment days, scholars day, feb 2, experience days feb 23 March 16, April 13, Preview days on Feb 18 and March 29 are preview days

5. Curriculum Committee (John Bellizzi)

- Sibylle: EEES1020, Biology 2170 and 2150, Chem 3722 all went through Faculty Senate
- EES1140: Title change from Environmental Problems Laboratory to Environmental Solutions Laboratory
Vote: all in favor, none opposed

6. New Business

- John B: Saturday Morning Science looking for speakers, schedule should be ready first week of January, let me know if you have ideas for speakers

7. 4:12 Meeting adjourned.