

Natural Sciences and Mathematics Council Meeting Minutes
16 April 2019 in SU2579 3:30-5:00 PM

1. Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

- March minutes will be approved next year

2. Unfinished Business

a. Approval of NSM Workload Guidelines

- Changes will be made to split part 1 into TT and lecturer related documents that will be separate, but parallel. Vote to make 2 parallel documents (11 for 1 abstain).
 - Service and original scholarship are not required for lecturers.
- Plenefisch told Shan that it was started under Hu and that Karen would like it to happen because it is as much to protect the faculty as it is the administration.
- AAUP recommends that we don't endorse; there isn't much that isn't already covered in the CBA's.
- Too formulaic in terms of instructional workload.
- Not seen as protection for faculty, but more as tool for the opposite.
- Table this for now and form an ad hoc committee in the fall to compare the intent in the CBA and intent with the document including a union rep for advice only.
- Do we need to recreate this document or should we not endorse based on the idea that it does not add anything to CBA?
- Vote to table this until we get language from the Dean and/or Provost on the purpose of this document beyond language already given in the CBA (12 for 0 against).

3. University reports and proposals

a. Faculty Senate (David Krantz)

- They have been busy approving courses.
- All courses from Bio, Math, and EEES were approved.
- Programs approved; EEES, minor in data science, BA with data analytics, BS in data science.
- In response to House Bill 88, Open and Robust University Minds from American Legislative Exchange Council there is a move in UT to make a document related to freedom of speech on campus. Office of president and provost have expressed concern

over the freedom of expression at UT because they are considered with student's interpretation. Civility in classrooms is UT's point.

- Funds for Ohio Link are flat funded.
- National average for state budgets for Higher Ed funding is 5.7% of budget, regionally is 6.5%, ours is lower 4.3%.
- Barbra Schneider talked with them about the 6 Guiding Principles we discussed last month.
- b. Grad Council (Brian Ashburner)**
 - COGS budget taking an 18% cut.
 - Finance looking to take scholarships from Grad students. If they don't get an assistantship they shouldn't get a scholarship. Things like photovoltaics and Green Chemistry don't have these assistantship opportunities, but we had been giving a 1/3 tuition help.
 - UG are currently 120 CH, MS is 30 CH pipeline programs were required to be 150 CH, but state start allowing programs at 141 CH so students can have 9 hours count toward UG and Grad degrees. Students will be able to 9 CH of grad classes at UG prices.

4. College report and proposals

a. NSM Chairs Meeting (Kathy Shan)

- Career Services came to discuss what they offer.
- If you are teaching a DL course, students do not have to come to campus for anything. If they are required to come to campus it is a hybrid course.
- Late fees will be assessed the day after the due date. Late fee is increasing from \$50 to \$100. This will affect our Grad students because they wait to register.
- Fall textbook orders due.

5. Council committee reports

a. Curriculum Committee (John Bellizzi)

- CHEM 6730/8730 Molecular Modeling
 - 13 for 0 against
- UG and masters courses or masters and doctoral level are fine, but triple level courses, UG/Masters/PhD level might not be approved going forward.
- With the pipeline program as mentioned above UG students might be able to get up to 9 graduate course hours at the UG tuition level. However, if UG/Grad/PhD courses will not be approved, UG's might be able to take the 6000 level.

b. Election Committee (Sibylle Weck-Schwarz)

- Done!
- 41 voted for CCAP and 45 voted for Grad Council. Only one confirmation so far; Heather Conti will be on Grad Council.

6. New Business

a. Graduate Academic Grievance Policy (Brian Ashburner)

- Similar to UG policy except after it leaves college it goes to Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.
- A Committee on Graduate Grievances will need to be formed from Graduate Faculty.
- Need to add a procedure for entrance exams, cumulative exams.
- Wait on this until Grad School makes decisions as to what will be included there.
 - Does this deal with just grades?
 - Can they grieve their defense decisions?
 - What about GA/TA duties?
 - What about graduate student Plagiarism?
 - How is research misconduct handled?

7. Adjourn

4:42 Meeting adjourned.

8. Installation of New Council

- Many departments have not voted on new members so installation will occur next year.