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## SENATE ACTIONS

- Adopted a resolution from the Executive Committee supporting the Tiger Team recommendation that representatives of the Faculty Senate, the University Council, the Akron-AAUP, and the department chairs serve as non-voting members of various committees of the Board of Trustees.
- Elected Senator Sterns to serve a one-year term on the Graduate Council.
- Adopted a resolution from the Graduate Council to conduct a five-year review of graduate programs and undergraduate programs.
- Adopted a resolution to form an ad hoc budget review committee.
- Adopted a resolution to create an ad hoc interdisciplinary initiatives committee.

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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF October 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate took place Thursday, October 6, 2016 in room 201 of Buckingham. Senate Chair William D. Rich called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

Of the current roster of 58 Senators, 44 were present for this meeting. Senators Cutright, Gandee, Gatzia, Hreno, Landis, Otterstetter, Veillette and Willits were absent with notice. Senators Braun, Dey, Galehouse, Mitchell, Quinn Snider and Steele were absent without notice.

*I. Adoption of the Agenda*

On Senator Sterns' motion, the Senate adopted the agenda without dissent.

*II. Adoption of the Minutes of March and September Meetings*

Secretary Miller read proposed corrections to the March minutes that were moved by Chair Rich. The corrections were adopted without dissent. Chair Rich moved the adoption of the minutes and the motion passed without dissent. On Senator Allen's motion, the Senate adopted the September minutes as distributed without dissent.

*III. Remarks of the Chairman*

Chair Rich remarked:

Since our September meeting, several run-off elections have been concluded. From the College of Arts and Sciences, Linda Saliga, Harvey Sterns, and Linda Barrett were re-elected; and Maria Adamowicz-Hariasz, Janet Bean, Kathryn Budd, Larry Snider, and Claire Tessier were newly elected. From the College of Applied Science and Technology, Daniel Kandray, John Nicholas, and Scott Randby were newly elected. Also, Kenton Steele, a law student, was elected to represent the graduate and professional students. Congratulations and welcome or welcome back, as the case may be, to these new and returning Faculty Senators.

If you have not already done so, please sign one of the posted attendance sheets so that your presence may be properly recorded.

We have a fairly light agenda today. Among the items on it is a proposed resolution expressing the Faculty Senate's support of the Tiger Team's recommendation that representatives of the Faculty Senate, the University Council, the AAUP Akron Chapter, and the department chairs serve as non-voting members of some of the committees of the Board of Trustees. This proposal was developed jointly and advocated by the presiding officers of those shared governance organizations (including me), all of whom served on the Tiger Team and on its working group on shared governance issues. It is my hope that each of those shared governance organizations will express support for this proposal, that the President will recommend it to the Board of Trustees, and that the Board will adopt it.

Also on the agenda is the election of a Faculty Senator to serve as a member of the Graduate Council. As you will recall, we left one seat open in the last meeting pending the outcome of the run-off elections for Senate.

President Wilson is in Idaho on University business and asked me to convey his regret that he is unable to attend this meeting. Provost Ramsier had to attend a meeting in Columbus this morning. He expressed to me the hope that he would return to Akron in time to attend this meeting, but said he might arrive after it is already in progress.

As you will recall, President Wilson told us last month that, with support from a donation that he had secured for this purpose, he had engaged the accounting firm of Ernst & Young to conduct an analysis of the University's finances. The President informed me recently that he expects Ernst & Young's report to be submitted as early as next week, so I expect that we will soon have a clearer picture of the University's fiscal condition.

The impending expansion of Stark State University into the City of Akron has been in the news again lately. I have recently been in communication with public officials, as well as President Wilson, about these developments. My message to all concerned has been about the need to avoid the duplication of programs already offered by the University of Akron, particularly those offered by our College of Applied Science and Technology. There are many programs offered already by Stark State in Stark County that our University does not offer, and that are needed for workforce development in Akron. Many of those would not fit easily within the mission of our University. In my view, those are the programs that Stark State University ought to focus on offering at its new Akron location. It is my hope that, with the support of the relevant public officials, the leaders of Stark State and our University will come to an agreement that minimizes the duplication of program offerings in Summit County. It is also my hope that the two institutions will make arrangements to share various services and perhaps even facilities so as to minimize the costs to each by achieving economies of scale.

This concludes my remarks.

#### *IV. Special Announcements*

Chair Rich announced:

Dr. Charlotte L. Burrell, who retired from The University of Akron in April 2015, died on Aug. 17 at the age of 68.

Dr. Burrell joined the University in 1987, having earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice Studies in 1984 and an M.S. in Rehabilitation/Therapeutic Services in 1986, both at Kent State University. In 2004, she earned an Ed.D. in Educational Administration – Higher Education at the University of Akron.

At the University, Burrell first worked in the Student Financial Aid Office. She was its assistant director from 1987 to 1995, and associate director from 1995 to 2001. From 2001 to 2004, she served as assistant to the Associate Provost. In June 2005, Burrell became the assistant to the dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology (formerly Summit College). She remained in that role until her retirement. For six years beginning in 2008, Burrell also was a part-time lecturer in the School of Communication.

Roland Paolucci, professor emeritus of music and founder of the School of Music's Jazz Studies Program, died Sept. 19 at the age of 78.

He joined UA in 1977 as a part-time lecturer in music and became a full-time faculty member in 1978. In addition to founding the Jazz Studies Program and serving as its coordinator, Paolucci was the director of the University of Akron's Jazz Ensemble. He retired in 2000.

Paolucci earned a B.S. in Music at The State University of New York at Albany, and an M.A. in Theatre Arts – Arts Administration at the University of Akron in 1985.

Dr. Kathy J. Liszka, Professor of Computer Science, died on Oct. 1 at the age of 57.

Dr. Liszka joined the University of Akron faculty as an assistant professor in 1993. She was promoted to the rank of full professor in 2007. During her time at the University of Akron, Dr. Liszka also took on a number of other roles, including coordinator of computer science from August 2014 to May 2015 and interim department chair for six months in 2012. She was an associate professor of electrical engineering from August 2001 through September 2004.

Dr. Liszka earned a B.A. in Accounting at Theil College in 1980. She earned an M.S. in Computer Science in 1986 and a Ph.D. in Computer Science in 1992, both from Kent State University.

#### *V. Report of the Executive Committee*

Secretary Miller reported:

Since the Faculty Senate last met in September, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee met twice by itself and once with Interim President Matt Wilson.

At two o'clock on September 15, 2016, the Executive Committee (EC) met to prepare for its monthly meeting with the president and provost. The EC reviewed and certified senate elections, and the EC prepared an agenda for this meeting. At three the EC met with the president. We discussed how the university might end the Gen Ed Core program early; leadership changes in the College of Health Professions; the university's budget; a possible soft freeze on travel spending; and the future of the EX L Center and experiential learning on campus.

At two o'clock on September 29, 2016, the EC met for regular business. We certified Senate elections, appointed faculty to Senate committees, and prepared a draft of the agenda for the October Senate meeting. We elected Douglas Hausknecht to serve on the student responder committee. We discussed HLC writing teams, the state of IDC accounts, the creation of an ad hoc Sponsored Research Policies committee, and the role faculty might play in the crafting of a new University strategic plan or in the revision of the University's Board rule mission statement.

A reminder: all Senators are to serve on at least one Faculty Senate committee over the course of the year. Let us know which one you would like to serve on if you are not on one.

Finally, the EC recommends adopting a resolution expressing support for the Tiger Team's recommendation that representatives of the Faculty Senate, the University Council, the AAUP-Akron Chapter, and the department chairs serve as non-voting members of various committees of the Board of Trustees.

The EC moves the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Faculty Senate supports the recommendation of the Tiger Team that representatives of the Faculty Senate, the University Council, the Akron-AAUP, and the department chairs serve as non-voting members of various committees of the Board of Trustees.

Here is the Tiger Team's recommendation:

The Tiger Team recommends that the Board of Trustees (BOT) add representatives chosen by the Faculty Senate, the AAUP, UA Chairs, and University Council as non-voting members of the following BOT committees: Academic Issues & Student Success (one member from Faculty Senate and one member from Akron-AAUP); Finance and Administration (one member from University Council); Personnel & Compensation (one member from the UA Chairs); Rules Committee (one member from any of these groups, chosen by the representatives of these groups); and Strategic Issues (one member from University Council).

The motion was adopted without dissent.

#### *VI. Remarks of the Interim President*

President Wilson did not attend this month's meeting, and there were no remarks of the Interim President.

#### *VII. Remarks of the Interim Senior Vice President and Provost*

Provost Ramsier did not attend this month's meeting, and there were no remarks of the Interim Senior Vice President and Provost.

#### *VIII. Election: Representative to Graduate Council (1 representative, 1-year term)*

Senator Allen moved to elect Senator Sterns, and the motion was adopted without dissent.

#### *IX. Committee Reports*

A number of written, informational reports were submitted for the October meeting. They can be found in the appendices of this *Chronicle*.

#### *X. Report from Graduate Council Representatives*

Senator Allen reported that Provost Ramsier has requested that the Executive Dean of the Graduate School, in conjunction with the Graduate Council, conduct a five-year graduate program review. This is mandated by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Also, the Higher Learning Commission requires for our site visit that there be a mechanism in place for the systematic review of undergraduate programs.

Senator Allen moved a proposal from the Graduate Council to conduct a five-year review of graduate programs and undergraduate programs simultaneously, including associate degrees as well as baccalaureate degrees, directed by a nine-member committee, constituted as follows:

As co-chairs of the committee, Charles Beneke, who was appointed a co-chair by the Graduate Dean, and Senator Allen, who was elected a co-chair by Graduate Council. As members of the committee, three faculty members elected by Graduate Council: Shiva Sastry, from Engineering; Nicole Zakaria from Polymer Engineering; and Marcus Braga-Alves from the College of Business Administration. Furthermore, an additional four places on the committee will be filled with the following process. First, each collegiate dean will nominate two faculty members from his or her college: one member with primarily a graduate teaching affiliation and one faculty member with primarily an undergraduate teaching affiliation. From this pool of nominees, the provost will select two primarily graduate-affiliated faculty and two primarily undergraduate-affiliated faculty to balance the committee.

The motion passed without dissent.

#### *XI. Report of University Council Representatives*

Senator Allen reported on four discussions at the University Council: on the upcoming HLC site visit, on the University's budget, on indirect cost (IDC) funds, and on moving the Graduate School office from the Polsky building to Leigh or Zook Hall.

Senator Nofzinger remarked on the effect that the freezing of IDC monies might have on reappointment and tenure.

Senator Bouchard asked a question about graduate assistantships; Dean Midha reported that there is no plan to change the assistantship model.

#### *XII. New Business*

Senator Elliott moved the creation of an ad hoc budget review committee. The motion was adopted without dissent.

Senator Saliga moved the creation of an ad hoc committee on interdisciplinary initiatives. The motion was adopted without dissent.

#### *XIII. Good of the Order*

Senator Klein reported that a PhD student in the history department, Pinar Odabasi Tasci, has just been awarded the prestigious Fulbright-Hays grant.

Senator Bouchard invited all faculty to "Faculty First Friday" at the Lockview Restaurant on Friday after work.

#### *XIV. Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Any comments concerning the contents in The University of Akron Chronicle may be directed to the Secretary, Jon Miller (x6202). [facultySenate@uakron.edu](mailto:facultySenate@uakron.edu)

## Appendix A

### Faculty Senate Athletic Committee Report 10/6/2016

John B. Nicholas, Chair

The Faculty Senate Athletic Committee met on September 14, 2016.

John Nicholas was elected as Chair of the committee. The vote was unanimous.

A discussion was held about the continuation of the Head Injury sub-committee was discussed and it was agreed that the committee should continue for this academic year. It was decided that this sub-committee should not continue as a sub-committee of the Athletics Committee, but that the research should be shared with the Faculty Accessibility Committee because the scope of this committee extended beyond athletics to the wider student population.

Faculty Athletic Representative to the NCAA, Deb Owens, discussed the Student Athlete Academic Improvement Committee. This committee, formed at the request of Athletics Director, Larry Williams, is charged with identifying and correcting areas in which UA Athletics can improve academically. The committee is working closely with faculty and athletics academic advisors to address areas of concern and work to improve the academic side of the athletics programs.

The Membership of the Faculty Senate to the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) was discussed. The University of Akron Faculty Senate voted to become a permanent member of this coalition. Chair Nicholas thanked the committee for its diligent work regarding this issue over the past few years.

Finally, the committee discussed potential agenda items for the 2016-17 academic year.

## Appendix B

### Computing & Communications Technologies Committee

#### **Particulars**

Subject: Computing & Communications Technologies Committee meeting report

Date: [2016-09-22 Thu]

#### **Report**

The CCTC met on Thursday, October 22. Scott Randby and Mary Myers were elected to serve as co-chairs for this academic year. A subcommittee of the CCTC is looking into the curriculum proposal system. It is examining the possibility of replacing the current system with a new system that works better. This subcommittee will coordinate its efforts with IT and prepare a recommendation for the CCTC to consider. Since the requirements for the system are complex, it will take a while for the subcommittee to complete its task. The committee is very concerned that faculty laptops have not yet been replaced.

The next meeting of the committee will be reserved for discussing this important issue.

The next meeting of the CCTC will be on Thursday, October 13 from 1-2 pm.

Scott Randby  
Mary Myers  
CCTC Co-chairs



## Appendix C

### **PTFC Report, September 2016**

The PTFC met and elected S. Osorio chair. A document to accompany the opening of nominations to elect a second Faculty Senator, PT was revised and will be ready for the election to be held in early October. A discussion of the key role that PT Faculty play in the first year experience of students at The University of Akron ensued. The committee worked to generate a list of steps that can be taken to support and value these important faculty members with a goal of bringing the list to the FS at the November meeting.

Once again, the committee requested the outcome of the salary resolution passed December 2014. Also requested was an update regarding the status of the resolution regarding Retirement Benefits for PT Faculty passed last spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Osorio, Chair

## Appendix D

### Report of the Ad Hoc Scholarly Communications Committee

The ad hoc SCC met on September 29, 2016. We discussed the use of SelectedWorks to publish faculty CVs, what more faculty can do to support the preparation and finishing of theses and dissertations, and how the ad hoc SCC will vet proposals for new series or journals hosted in our institutional repository, IdeaExchange. Note that both a "series" and a "journal" function something like folders in a shared, publicly-accessible storage space on the repository. They are places that hold and organize files of all types. A department might wish to launch and maintain a series for their undergraduate bulletins, for example. The Senate might wish to create a series for its *Chronicles*. A "journal" differs from a series in that it activates a robust set of editorial workflow tools on the backside. With these tools, contributors can submit papers to the journal; editors of the journal can see them and route them to reviewers; reviewers can route them back to editors or authors; and authors can update submissions, etc., etc., before the editors publish the final paper to the repository. Many open-access academic journals use the journal-publishing tools available to us in IdeaExchange. For example, *The Akron Law Review* is published as a journal in IdeaExchange. See <http://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/akronlawreview/>

User guides for IdeaExchange are available: <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/>. IdeaExchange is designed so that users can do everything for themselves, once their space has been established by site administrators.

The ad hoc SCC adopted the following process:

#### *Approval process*

1. Campus publishers (faculty, student groups with faculty advisors, staff, maybe individuals representing mission-aligned community organizations) submit proposals for the creation of their series or journal to the Scholarly Communications Committee.
2. The SCC reviews and approves applications before the campus administrators for IdeaExchange direct bepress to create the series or journal. The SCC provides constructive criticism where applications appear to be insufficiently considered. A primary goal of this process to help people succeed in their publishing endeavors. Finally, the ad hoc SCC presents the following draft of an application to the Senate for comment. Please direct written comments to Jon Miller (mjon@uakron.edu).

#### *Application for creating a series or journal in IdeaExchange*

In addition to completing the form(s) that might be required by bepress IT support to configure and setup a series or journal, publishers will also complete a form answering the following questions.

Please note that the committee will be happy to work with faculty and other campus publishers on completing this application. While some of the questions might seem daunting, some further conversation about the application should make them easier to answer and appreciate.

1. Is the content for the series or journal already prepared? Will you be publishing a set of completed works or establishing a place where works will published going forward?

2. Will the series or journal include peer-reviewed content? If so, who will manage peer Review and how will this be handled?

3. Will the series have an advisory or editorial board? Such a thing would especially necessary if the plan included the publication of peer-reviewed content. If so, please attach endorsements--brief letters supporting the idea of the series and promising to work to support its operation--from each member of the proposed board.

4. If the series or journal is planned as an ongoing project, who will acquire content for the series or journal? Are events or processes planned that will help generate a steady supply of new material for the series or journal?

5. Who will handle and store permissions for publication? Note that the University of Akron Press can help publishers to understand what permission forms will work for a series or journal.

6. Who will do the final editorial work on the content in the series or journal--who will do the copyediting?

7. Who will design and layout the content? If the series or journal will be made up primarily of text articles, the publisher can use default templates built into Digital Commons. The University of Akron Press can also work with campus publishers to create more individualized templates.

8. Who will administrate the series or journal on a day-to-day basis?

9. How will publishers promote the series or journal?

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