

Faculty Senate Meeting - 23rd October, 2017

Held at Marietta Campus, Building A, Ballroom A&B at 12:30 pm.

A. Approval of September Minutes

Online vote for accepting September Minutes

Yes, 33

No, 1

Abstain, 36

New Business

B. Incremental Steps for Campus Community Dialogues (concerning cheerleaders “taking a knee”, “Social Justice Pedagogy” job ad posting, culinary program move, etc.): Sam Olens, KSU President

Many faculty asked KSU President Sam Olens about KSU’s actions on Freedom of Speech, outside influences, and transparency. They asked for explanations on the removal of the words “Social Justice” from a job advertisement; the cheerleaders’ taking a knee, CSH move and reformulation, and the Koch donation.

Sam replied that there was no external pressure on the job advert; this change was due to faculty pressure; that the Dean Schwaig had finalized negotiation on the Koch donation, and he was not involved as it was a Coles College matter; and reformulation. (Note that KSU would wind up the existing CSH program with a BS and Coles would reformulate it into a new Hospitality Management program with a BBA). The Michael Leven had approved the move of his donation of \$5m and his name to the new hospitality program.

Jonathan Brown from CSH stated that KSU moved the CSH program without any involvement or knowledge of faculty involved. The CSH faculty had put forward a proposal to separate the culinary program from hospitality management. CSH has over 1000 majors, who KSU will tell that KSU will phase out their program within 2 years. There is also uncertainty over what will happen with KSU’s farm.

Vanessa Robinson-Dooley (SWHS) reported that studying Social Justice was part of the Social Work accreditation requirements. Faculty want a chance to give input before administrators decision is made rather than afterwards.

Joya Carter Hicks said there is a need to hold faculty forum with internal and external dialogue. President Olens should address faculty concerns and state his position on several issues.

Faculty expressed a concern that KSU was making decisions affecting faculty without getting any faculty input such as contingency plans for the \$15m e-learning fee cut.

Sam said that he personally believed that KSU issued statements that showed his position. He had wanted to meet the cheerleaders but his advisors suggested not to and that 80% of outside calls were against the cheerleaders. He could encourage KSU people to meet with outside leaders but it would be politically difficult.

Joya Carter-Hicks stated that the SGA had issued a statement. And, she also shared a student perspective of “taking a knee” from a student at University of Michigan.

The faculty senate passed the following motion with 29 votes for and none against it.

Resolved we the faculty senate are concerned about the appearance of interference with free speech rights and the appearance of political interference on campus and we call on the FS President to convene an open forum to discuss these issues further.

This implied that Joya will organize an at large forum for all faculty and that President Olens and perhaps also Provost Harmon would be invited to attend and take questions from all concerned faculty in attendance not only Senators.

C. Syllabus Policy proposal

Valerie Whittlesey and Jim Cope presented new syllabus proposal, which collated all the separate bits in faculty handbook in one place. There were no new items.

Online vote on accepting the new course syllabus policy passed;

Yes, 28

No, 5

Abstain, 3

D. Course Syllabus Template

Jim Cope, Jordan Cameron, Marilee McClure, Veronica Trammell, and Val Whittlesey demonstrated the new optional syllabus template, which included all the required boilerplate and met all accessibility standards. It would be available in spring 2018 for summer 2018 courses. Ultimately, departments, colleges, and programs could have their own versions.

Online vote on course syllabus policy passed,

Yes, 28

No, 5

Abstain, 3

Meeting adjourned 1:50 pm

Faculty Senate Attendance Sign-up Sheet for

Department	Name	Present
Accounting	Cristen Dutcher	Yes
Architecture	Tim Frank	Yes
Art & Design	Craig Brasco	Yes
Chemistry & Biochemistry	Michael Van Dyke	Yes
Civil & Construction Engineering	Metin Oguzmert	
Construction Engineering Technology	Matthew Wilson	
Communication and Media	Carolyn Carlson	Yes
Computer Engineering	Scott Tippens	Yes
Computer Science	Alan Shaw	Yes
Conflict Mgt., Peacebuilding, and Development	Heather Pincock	Yes
Construction Management	Charner Rodgers	
Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality	Jonathan Brown	Yes
Dance	McCree O'Kelley	Yes
Digital Writing and Media Arts	Uttam Kokil	Yes
Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology	Joe Dirnbeger	Yes
Economics, Finance, and Quantitative Analysis	Luc Noiset	Yes
Education Leadership	Nic Clegorne	
Elementary and Early Childhood Education	Scott Ritchie	Yes
Electrical Engineering	Yusun Chang	
Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology	Pam Frinzi	
English	Jeanne Bohannon	Yes
Exercise Science & Sports Mgt.	Laurie Tis	
First-Year and Transitional Studies	Richard Mosholder	Yes
Foreign Languages	Noah McLaughin	Yes
Geography and Anthropology	Debrati Sen	Yes
Health Promotion and Physical Education	Peter St. Pierre	Yes
History and Philosophy	Marianne Holdzkom	Yes
Honors College	Katherine Kinnick	
Inclusive Education	Joya Carter-Hicks	Yes
Information Systems	Humayun Zafar	Yes
Information Technology	Ming Yang	Yes
Instructional Technology	Anissa Vega	Yes
Interdisciplinary Studies	May Gao	
Leadership and Integrative Studies	Jennifer Purcell	Yes
Library, University	Barbara Wood	Yes
Management and Entrepreneurship	Doug Moodie	Yes
Marketing and Professional Sales	Sandra Pierquet	Yes
Mathematics	Josip Derado	Yes
Mechanical Engineering	Mohammed Mayeed	
Mechanical Engineering Technology	David Stollberg	
Mechatronics Engineering	Ying Wang	Yes
Molecular and Cellular Biology	Jerald Hendrix	

Music	Jana Young	Yes
Nursing	Jane Brannan	Yes
Physics	Russell Patrick	Yes
Political Science and International Affairs	Ken White	Yes
Psychology (Daniel Rogers – proxy)	Roxanne Donovan	Yes
Secondary and Middle Grades Education	Bryan Gillis	Yes
Social Work and Human Services	Vanessa Robinson-Dooley	Yes
Sociology and Criminal Justice	Darina Lepadatu	Yes
Software Engineering and Game Development	Paola Spoletini	Yes
Statistics and Analytical Sciences	Josip Derado	Yes
Systems and Industrial Engineering	Robert Keyser	Yes
Technical Communication & Interactive Design	Uttam Kokil	
Theatre and Performance Studies	Jim Davis	Yes
Liaisons		
Administrators Council	Chris Hutt	
Chairs and Directors Assembly	Dawn Baunach	Yes
Deans Council	Kathy Schwaig	
Part-time Faculty Council	Joanne Lee	Yes
Staff Senate (Christine Bryant – proxy)	Jeffrey Bernard	Yes
Student Government Association		
Ex-officio		
President	Sam Olens	Yes
Provost and VPAA	Ken Harmon	
Assoc. V P. for Faculty	Ron Matson	
Assoc. V. P. for Curriculum	Val Whilesey	Yes
Assoc. V P. for Enrollment Services	Kim West	
Assoc. V. P, for Technology	Elke Leeds	Yes
Visitors		