

## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

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Friday 2/23/18

1:00 – 2:00

Attendees:

Lee: 29

Charlotte: 2

Collier: 4

H/G: 1

Total Count: 36

Locations: Thomas Edison U 102, Charlotte E 105, Collier G 109, H/G A 114

- i. Agenda Adoption: Elizabeth Whitmer, Myra Walters Motion Passed.
- ii. Minutes Adoption—1-26-18 Meeting: Brian Page, Ray Lenius Motion Passed.
- iii. Action Items:
  - a. Technology Committee—Motion to approve the 1.) Faculty e-learning Course Development Contract and 2.) Job description for e-learning coordinators: Martin Tawil, Frank Dowd, Motion Passed, with one abstention. The Faculty Union needs to approve these two items as well. As such, the Faculty Senate will submit the Technology Committee’s proposal to the Faculty Union.
- iv. Committee Updates:
  - a. Professional Development Committee: Myra Walters addressed earning professional development funds to attend versus present at conferences.
- v. Information Items:
  - a. Dean’s Evaluation Update: All FSW Deans will be evaluated by faculty on an annual basis every January.
- vi. Faculty Updates:
  - a. Myra Walters announced that a faculty retirement reception will be held to honor all faculty who have retired during the past academic year on April 26, from 5pm to 7pm, tentatively in U-102.



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vii. New Business:

- a. Emotional Support Animals versus Service Animals: The issue of allowing emotional support animals on campus currently is under review by the Office of the General Counsel.
- b. Safety on Campus: With the increase of mass shootings at schools throughout the nation over the past twenty years, faculty expressed concern regarding the inability to lock classroom doors should an active shooter be on campus, relatively few faculty members teach at night in multiple buildings on campus, and the implications of an open campus classification.
- c. The College Calendar:
  - i. Don Ransford again proposed the idea of striking Spring Break from the academic year.
  - ii. This raised concern about the absence of a faculty driven Calendar Committee, which the college had in the past.
  - iii. During the Next Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting with the Provost, Martin Tawil will ask Dr. Stewart if a Calendar Committee comprised of faculty could be reestablished.
  - iv. Given that the 2018-2019 official college calendar already has been approved by the Board of Trustees, Martin Tawil did not disseminate a survey to vote on making Veteran's Day a duty day in lieu of the Wednesday before Thanksgiving being an on duty day because the BOT already has approved the 2018-2019 college calendar. Martin Tawil recommended the issue to be discussed by the Calendar Committee once established.

Motion to Adjourn: Tim Bishop, Myra Walters Motion Passed.