



Minutes of the Faculty Senate

Presiding: Henry A. Kurtz (Chemistry)

Date: 4-24-18

Secretary: R. Jeffrey Thieme (elected this meeting.)

Senators Present: Reza Banai (Sch Urb Aff & Pub Pol), Thomas E. Banning (Engr Tech), Brennan K. Berg (KWS), Mary K. Boudreaux (Leadership), Eugene Buder (Comm. Sci. Disorders), Gerald Chaudron (Univ Libraries), Michael K. Chisamore (Architecture), Charles W. Crawford (History), Erno Lindner (Biomed Engr), Jeffrey G. Marchetta (Mech Engr), Gray Matthews (Communication), DeAnna N. Owens (Instr & Curr Ldrshp), George E. Relyea (Public Health), Michael Sances (Political Science), Steven D. Schwartzbach (Biology), Sajjan G. Shiva (Computer Science), Mark Sunderman (Fin, Ins, & Real Estate), William P. Travis (Health & Sport Sci), Joseph C. Ventimiglia (Sociology), Máté Wierdl (Mathematical Sciences)

Senator Present by Proxy: Joseph C. Ventimiglia (Social Work) Graves E. Enck

Senators Absent: Jill A. Dapremont (Nursing), David M. Gray (Philosophy), Leigh Falls Holman (Couns, Ed, Psy & Res), Sanjay Mishra (Physics), Laura C. Taylor (Social Work), Brian A. Waldron (Civil Engr)

New Senators Present: Mohd Hasan Ali (Elec & Comp Engr), Coriana L. Close (Art), Lorinda B. Cohoon (English), Denis D. Grélé (World Lang & Lit), Donna R. Jones (Law), David M. Kemme (Economics), Peter L. McMickle (Accountancy), Robyn L. Jones (Music), Elizabeth Meisinger (Psychology), Esra Ozdenerol (Earth Sci), Sandra Richardson (Bus Info Tech), Brian J. Ruggaber (Theatre & Dance), R. Jeffery Thieme (Mrktng & Suply Chain Mang) Jin Yang (Journalism)

New Senators Present by Proxy: To be elected (Anthropology), To be elected (Crim & Criminal Justice) James C. McCutcheon, To be elected (Management) Francis Fabian, To be elected (Anthropology) Michael R. Duke, To be elected (Univ College) Tiffany G. Johnson

New Senators Absent: Military Sciences (vacant)

Faculty Senate Information Officer: Jeffrey S. Berman (Psychology) interim this meeting

Guests: M. David Rudd (absent-President Office), Karen Weddle-West (absent) Dean Franklin (Provost Office), Lawrence A. Pivnick (UMAR-absent), Martha Robinson (ad hoc Budget & Finance Committee/ Lambuth Liaison), Katharine Traylor Schaffzin (Board of Trustees, Faculty Rep.) absent

The four-hundred-and-fifty fourth meeting of the University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held Tuesday, April 24, 2018, in Senate Chambers of the University Center, room 261.

4.24.18.01 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:42 p.m. with a quorum present.

4.24.18.02 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

4.24.18.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes for April 17, 2017, were approved as written.

4.24.18.04 Presentation to Thomas E. Banning

President Kurtz recognized outgoing Faculty Senate (FS) President, Thomas (Tom) E. Banning (herein called Past-President). President Kurtz expressed thanks to Past-President Banning for all the work he has done for the past two years on behalf of the Senate and his work with administrators. A gift of appreciation was given to Banning from the body and an individual gift from President Kurtz.

4.24.18.05 Discharge Outgoing Senators

President Kurtz discharged and thanked the outgoing Senators for their service and expressed appreciation to them for their service.

4.24.18.06 Welcome New Senators

President Kurtz welcomed new Senators and asked them to stand and introduce themselves. The incoming Senators proceeded to introduced themselves.

4.24.18.07 Appointment of Teller's Committee

President Kurtz stated that the Senate would begin its election process and called on the Teller's Committee to distribute, collect, and count ballots and announce the votes to the Senate President. The appointed members of the Tellers Committee were: Gray Matthews (Communication), Brian J. Ruggaber (Theatre & Dance), and Denis D. Gr  l   (World Lang & Lit). Senator Matthews served as chair of the Tellers Committee.

4.24.18.08. Election of Faculty Senate Officers

President Kurtz reviewed the voting process for election of Senate officers. He informed the Senators that no more than two members on the Executive Committee (EC) could be from the same college and that a majority vote is required. Senator Thomas E. Banning self-nominated for the position of President-Elect. President Kurtz asked for other nominations from the floor and there were none. Senator Thomas E. Banning (Engr Tech) elected by acclamation on April 24, 2018.

President Kurtz asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary. Senator Thieme self-nominated for the position. President Kurtz asked for other nominations from the floor and there were none. Senator R. Jeffrey Thieme (Mrktng & Suply Chain Mang) elected by acclamation on April 24, 2018.

President Kurtz asked for nominations from the floor for Parliamentarian. Senator Donna R. Jones self-nomination for the position. President Kurtz asked for other nominations from the floor for Parliamentarian and there were none. Senator Donna R. Jones (Law) elected by acclamation on April 24, 2018.

4.24.18.09 Election of Two At-Large Members

President Kurtz called attention to paper ballots that were distributed prior to the meeting for voting purposes. President Kurtz stated that self-nomination for the At-Large Executive Committee position included Senators: Jeffrey G. Marchetta (Mech Engr), William P. Travis (Health Studies), and Sajjan G. Shiva (Computer Science). President Kurtz asked for other nominations from the floor for At-Large membership on the Executive Committee. From the floor, Senator Matthews nominated Senator Esra Ozdenerol (Earth Sciences). President Kurtz informed the Senate that there were four nominees and reminded the body of the colleges that were represented on the EC prior to the At-Large election. President Kurtz asked if any of the nominees would like to say something about themselves and they did.

After several rounds, voting was completed. The Senate elected At-Large Members to the Executive Committee: Senators Jeffrey G. Marchetta (Mech Engr) and William P. Travis (Health Studies) by ballot vote on April 24, 2018.

4.24.18.10 Election of Five Members to the Committee on Committees

President Kurtz asked for nominations from the floor for Committee on Committees. Senators Brennan K. Berg (Kemmons Wilson School), DeAnna Owens (Instr & Curr Leadership) and William P. Travis (Health Studies) self-nomination for the position. President Kurtz asked for other nominations: Senator Travis nominated Senator Jill A. Dapremont (Nursing) and Senator Owens nominated Mary K. Boudreaux (Leadership). Senator Jones moved to elect by acclamation on the slate of nominations. The five nominees elected by voice vote on April 24, 2018.

Postscript: Senator Dapremont elected as committee chair of Committee on Committees.

4.24.18.11 Standing Committees Organizational Meeting

President Kurtz informed the Senate the standing committees need to organize immediately after the meeting and elect a chair (chair pro-tem). In addition, the Executive Committee (EC) will meet to organize directly after the meeting also.

4.24.18.12 Old Business

President Kurtz yielded the floor to Senator Travis. Senator Travis announced the new Policy website (<http://memphis.policytech.com/>) and new structure for UofM policies, including the new numbering system that categorizes policies. Policy Numbers are changed to reflect the area the policy represents. UMXXXX is going away and replaced with the following:

Board of Trustees: BT1000

General: GE2000

Academic: AA3000

Finance: FI4000

Human Resources: HR5000
Information Technology: IT6000
Research: RE7000
Student Affairs: SA8000

President Kurtz reiterate the new structure will make it easier for faculty to find relevant policies.

President Kurtz discussed formatting changes for the Faculty Handbook that came from the Faculty Policies Committee chaired by Senator Buder. President Kurtz made the following motion: Move that the Senate adopt the new formatting structure. In response to a question, he explained that the new formatting makes it easier to edit and/or update the handbook.

Motion adopted by voice vote with four nays on April 24, 2018.

4.24.18.13 Announcements

Executive Committee, the committee will meet immediately after the Faculty Senate meeting.

Commencement Spring, 2018, Saturday, May 5, 2018 at FedEx Forum. For more information visit: www.memphis.edu/commencement

4.24.18.14 Adjourn: 3:32 p.m.