

# Faculty Senate | MINUTES

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September 05, 2017 | Called to Order 3:43 pm | Theater, Curris Center

**Meeting called by** Joe DeBella

**Type of meeting** Regular

**Absent:** Senators Hassan, Hoover, Keller, Leedy, Loganathan, Ortega, Sutrick

**Guests:** Dr. Mark Arant, Dr. Robert Davies, Dr. Renee Fister, Phil Schooley, John Young

## AGENDA TOPICS

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*Approval of Minutes* | **Presenter** Joe DeBella

The minutes of May 02, 2017, were motioned to be approved by unanimous vote.

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### *Faculty Senate President Speaking Points*

President DeBella opened the floor to Senator Dave Gessler. He spoke about student athletes and the process for excused absences from class. He told senators to email him with any questions.

DeBella turned the floor over to Senator Randy Wilson to present information from the Insurance and Benefits meeting. Wilson covered points made at the meeting leading to increased expenses during the last year. He also discussed options that were presented to the committee for the coming year's insurance coverage. He stated there would a meeting the coming Friday to discuss this further.

DeBella then asked Senator Brian Clardy to speak about the Bias Committee meetings. Clardy stated the main take away from summer meetings were that the current evaluation system is flawed with loaded questions that lead to bias. Clardy stated he met with the Provost to discuss options for another evaluation system. More information will come in future months.

DeBella asked Dr. Renee Fister to speak to the senators about the Strategic Plan. Fister stated there were 63 initiatives that are being reduced to 16-20 initiatives and is an ongoing process.

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### *Invited Guest* |

DeBella introduced Dr. Davies and turned to floor over to him. Dr. Davies welcomed the Senate back to the new semester and thanked everyone for their work toward shared governance. Dr. Davies discussed enrollment issues facing the university and the importance of recruiting, retaining and graduating the students. Dr. Davies asked Dr. Mark Arant to address a question about graduate education. Dr. Arant stated he is working with Dr. Bob Pervine looking at the structure, programs, and tuition of graduate education at the university. They are working to restructure grad school here.

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*Reports | Presenter Committee Chairs*

*Board of Regents– Regent Kathy Farmer*

Regent Farmer reminded everyone of the town hall meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 11:00 am to discuss the future of Health Services on campus. She stated the RFP for outsourcing had gone out. Farmer asked questions and comments to me emailed to her.

*Academic Policies- No Report*

*Finance- No Report*

*Governmental Affairs- No Report*

*Handbook and Personnel- Senator Kevin Binfield*

The committee reported they are working to review and edit handbook issues and will continue in the coming months.

*Rules, Elections, and Bylaws- No Report*

*Executive – President DeBella*

DeBella asked committees to send their minutes in for records and reporting. He also asked senators to bring issues to the Executive Committee and he will work to present it to the Provost. DeBella asked senators for support and that they continue to work together.

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*Old Business |*

*None*

*New Business |*

*Handbook and Personnel Committee – Resolution to change lecturer to instructor, granting voting in Faculty Regent Elections*

The floor was opened for discussion on the resolution. Regent Farmer answered questions as she worked on this proposal when it originally started. It was discussed that changes in the handbook are for rank references and that generic terms will not change. The resolution passes with a vote of 29 for and 0 opposed.

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*Adjourn |*

Senator DeBella thanked senators for their continued work this academic year. The meeting was adjourned.