

Faculty Senate Minutes

September 2, 2019

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by the president at 2:10 pm in Student Center, Room 422.
Adriane M. Champagne was appointed to record minutes.

Members Present:

Brandon Buckner
Helen Fonteno
Jim Powell
Anna Gott
Jim Cammack
Adriane Champagne
Tonya Harbert
Michelle Askew
Maurice Abelman
Sarita Medhekar
Christina Wilbur

Members Absent:

Morgan Chaddick
Zeb Lowe
Michelle Judice
Nancy Longlet
Sherry Lejeune
Carl Richardson
Grace Megnet

Guests:

Chad Belyeu

II. Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes needing approval from last year.

III. Election of Secretary for Faculty Senate: Caitlin James resigned as Secretary. A call for nominations from the floor was presented by the President. Brandon Buckner nominated Adriane M. Champagne as Secretary and Tonya Harbert seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the nomination passed all in favor, none opposed.

IV. Committee Reports: New committee assignments were given out. Discussion ensued and it was concluded that changes may have to be made if faculty members can not participate because of schedule conflicts. Committee assignments will be made at the October meeting. There were no reports from the committees as this was the first meeting of the academic year.

V. Old Business:

- By-Laws Committee opened discussion on lack of quorum present at some Faculty Senate meetings due to schedule conflicts - especially late afternoon teaching assignments. Two options were discussed: moving the meeting to a better day and time or having the faculty member resign and appointing an alternate. Brandon Buckner suggested we poll the faculty at large of their opinion of these options. All members agreed and Jim Cammack will compile a survey and forward to the faculty

VI. New Business:

- The President was to assign some issues mentioned by concerned faculty members to committees. Examples of the issues brought forward were summer pay, class size caps, and overloads. Adriane M. Champagne made a motion to table the committee assignments of these issues until the Senate officially establishes the committees for this year. All were in favor of tabling issues to the next meeting.

VII. Reports:

- **Tribute Fund-** The Vice President proposed we postpone contributions to the tribute fund until Spring as there is \$90 in the fund currently. All were in favor.

VIII. Announcements: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Adriane M. Champagne