

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

December 6, 2016

PRESENT: Abbas, Allnutt, Anderson, Ashley, Bairaktarova, Baker, Brewster, Corl, Dalloul, Gaskill, Geyer, Hicok, Hopkins, Kaufman, Lyon, Mackey, Martin, McGrath, Noirot, Olson, Polanah, Shadle, Sirgy, Skaggs, Smith, Spotila, Sultan, Tegarden, Wemhoener (Maycock alternate), Young.

ABSENT: Agud, Ahmadian, Al-Haik, Amacher, Balci, Barney, Billingsly, Brown, Bush, Campbell, Ducker, Etzkorn, Ferris, Gabbard, Gilmore, Gindlesberger, Good, Guynn, Hosig, Jordan, Leon, Luttrell, Matheson, Merola, Nappier, O’Keefe, O’Rourke, Patterson, Puckett, Reed, Richey, Rinehart, Robinson, Rosenzweig, Safaai-Jazi, Savla, Schenk, Seth, Stauffer, Stivachtis, Tavera, Tracy, Trogdon, Viehland, Vogelaar, Watson, Zhang.

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. GENERAL-INTEREST UPDATES & DISCUSSION

1. **Ben CORL: Open Access Policy for Publications**

The Commission on Research and Library Committee charged a new committee to draft a policy in order to promote OA at VT and develop a **repository**. Peer-institution have policies and we are lagging behind. Academia.edu, Researchgate, etc., are for-profit repositories; those are different. The goal is having a policy and local repository to disseminate public scholarship more broadly. Faculty will not be forced to pay for OA publishing either.

A waiver would be available for those having strong reasons not to share their work. Most of our SCHEV peers have a policy and a number of Federal Agencies, including NIH, are beginning to request OA when granting funds, however. Minimal demand on Faculty time is expected (upload + waiver, for example).

Since some journals will not allow the final formatted version to be shared publicly, manuscript “author” versions could be uploaded. We might need an overseer in the library, for legal/copyright issues.

A FS representative is on the committee. Corl will come back for feedback on various drafts.

2. **Layne WATSON: New restrictions on University Travel?**

The Controller has notified departments of allowable and non-allowable travel on State Funds. No travel will be supported unless the employee is there in “some official capacity.” In theory it is thus no longer considered “University business” to attend workshops or conferences. This undermines the very nature of a career in research and conditions for quality scholarship.

IV. COMMISSIONS UPDATES

1. Our CUSP representative needs a replacement for the Spring 2017 semester (on leave).
2. University Support is to discuss an e-cigarettes policy, likely adding vaping to the University policy on smoking and tobacco use. Contact Richard Ashley if you wish to contribute to the discussion.
3. Student Affairs: Student Organizations need help, with contracts in particular; the Muslim Student Union just became one of our chartered student organizations; a form for reporting bias-related incidents anonymously should be available again soon.

V. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

In the absence of the Chair of P&T, the Education, Research, and Scholarship taskforce each gathered and discussed their respective agendas.

The Secretary had to leave before the meeting was adjourned.