

## **Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting**

**January 24, 2018**

*Submitted by Senate Secretary, Ralph Kennedy*

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*Caveat: Comments recorded are not necessarily verbatim. To facilitate open discussion, the identity of most Senators making comments or questions is not recorded. The identity of comments from Senate Officers and Senate Ad Hoc and Standing Committee Chairs are given, as is the identity of persons commenting in their official administrative capacity (e.g. CFO, Provost and College Dean.)*

In attendance: Jane Albrecht, Steve Boyd, Simone Caron, Stewart Carter, Christine Coughlin, Larry Daniel, Dwayne Godwin\*, Hugh Howards, Ana Iltis, Molly Keener, Ralph Kennedy, Christopher Knott, Mark Knudson, David Levy, Pat Lord, Jason Lowe\*, Hof Milam\*, Ananda Mitra, Sherry Moss, James Parker, John Parks, Tim Pyatt\*, Sarah Raynor, Mary Scanlon, Wayne Silver, Michelle Steward, Erica Still, Neal Walls, Lisa Washburn, Julie Wayne

\*denotes non-voting member

There were 19 voting-eligible members present, a quorum.

### **Welcome**

President Carter called the meeting to order. Motion to approve the minutes of the November 15 Senate meeting was made by Wayne Silver, seconded by Wilson Parker, and approved.

President Carter announced that Dedee Johnston's report on traffic issues would be postponed due to illness.

### **Questions with President Hatch**

President Hatch was invited to take the floor to respond to five questions submitted in advance by the Senate. Before addressing these questions, President Hatch spoke about the events of January 22: the shooting at the party at the Barn and the video with a racial slur that went viral. He then responded to the Senate's five questions and took some questions from the floor. The five questions were the following:

1. What can the University do to ease the rising burden of health care costs on faculty and staff?
2. The contract governing the recent donation to WFU by the Koch Foundation has not been made public. This fuels distrust between some faculty members and the Administration. Is the Administration able to assure the Senate that any future contracts with the Koch Foundation will be made public? Can you provide an update on the completion of the review of the Eudaimonia Institute and its renewal?
3. Concerning diversity at Wake Forest: As President, what are you doing to bring to Wake Forest University more underrepresented students? As the process for hiring a Chief Diversity Officer is likely underway or will be soon, what do you envision for that role? What are key challenges in hiring for that position, and what steps are being taken to address them? What is the vision for diversity at Wake Forest beyond visible and/or numerical representation of underrepresented populations?

4. What steps are being taken to bring Wake Forest into compliance with Title IX?
5. What is your vision for undergraduate education at Wake Forest? With the increasing enrollment at the undergraduate level, how can Wake Forest faculty maintain the close community we have had with our students?

President Carter asked if there was any new business; hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.