

Wake Forest University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2023 / 4:00p-5:30p, Room 155 Farrell Hall

Senate Officers

President: Arjun “Raja” Chatterjee, School of Medicine

Vice-President: Saylor Breckenridge, Wake Forest College

Secretary: Olga Pierrakos, Wake Forest College

Member-At-Large: Lauren Reid, School of Business

Past-President: Simone Caron, Wake Forest College

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Saylor Breckenridge (Senate President out of town)

2. Approval of Minutes from the October 18, 2023 meeting

- Moved and approved

3. Announcements

- President Wente’s Annual Presidential Address - Thurs, Nov 16, 2023 - 4:00p - Brendle Recital Hall of Scales Fine Arts Center Light Reception to Follow
Co-Sponsored by the University Faculty Senate

4. University Space Planning Presentation:

Summary from Michele Gillespie (Provost) and Jackie Travisano (Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer)

- This space conceptualization has been going on for about a year and parallel to strategic framing process. This is the beginning of many more conversations.
- Space needs motivated this work and there have been several space planning studies that have taken place over the past years.
- A presentation to the Board of Trustees took place two weeks ago because resources of time and capital will be needed.
- More details will be shared next semester. A more vibrant academic core (Tribble and Benson) is conceived with connectivity at UCC and Baity Street development.
- Scales is not part of the scope of work at the moment but that does not mean it is not important. The plan for Scales is to finding a donor/multiple donors to offer seed funds.

Summary from Ayers St. Gross (Kevin Peterson and Sally Chinnis)

- Reinvestment and adaptive reuse
- Keep undergraduate academics and resources in the core
- Limited amount of on-campus construction & disruption
- Limit use of swing space; ideally only move once
- Tribble – most deferred maintenance; has accessibility issues. Tribble conceived to become a new Student Center.
- Benson is generally in good condition and will be renovated to become more academically focused.
- UCC renovation will focus on investing in people who are there and creating synergies. Many non-student facing personnel are conceived to move to the UCC. The new childcare facility will

be located in the UCC.

5. University Senate Standing Committees: Reports (see attachments)

- Committee of College Senators: Chair - Katy Harriger, College
- Committee of Medical School Senators: Chair - Mike Cartwright, Medicine
- Resources: Chair - Steve Virgil, Law
- Integration: Chair - Amanda Kaufman, Library
- Fringe Benefits: Chair - Ellen Kirkman, College
- Compensation: Chair - Ryan Shirey, College
- Athletics: Chair - John Sumanth, Business
- Academic Freedom and Responsibility: Chair - Sarah Morath, Law
- Ad Hoc Committee on the Faculty Handbook: Chair - Michelle Steward, Business

No questions or discussion

6. University Senate Policy Proposal: Draft and discussion of Policy on Policies (see attachments)

- Olga Pierrakos
 - Thanks to Lauren Reed who did preliminary benchmarking to identify a similar policy from Emory and this Emory policy served as the foundation for us to begin drafting our own.
 - In a recent meeting, the Provost informed us that Matthew Phillips has been working on this as well and thus this is good timing to work collaboratively (Faculty Senate with Provost's Office and other offices) to move such a policy forward.
 - The link of the draft policy will be shared with all Senators for feedback and comments. The Executive Committee has already provided initial round of feedback and supported this policy coming to the full Senate body.

7. University Senate Bylaws: Updating Committee Charges and other minor edits (see attachments)

- Saylor Breckenridge
 - Changes to the Senate bylaws have been proposed and motivated by some outdated and inaccurate language, plus an opportunity to clarify language in key places.
 - The Executive Committee has provided some initial changes and now the draft bylaws are being shared with the full Senate.
 - The proposed changes do not reflect dramatic changes to the way the Senate operates. Rather, the changes are an attempt to focus the bylaws so subcommittees can accomplish tasks effectively.
 - One proposed change is to integrate the compensation and fringe benefits committees.

8. New Business

- None

9. Adjournment 5:20pm