

## **Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting**

**September 13, 2017**

*Submitted by Senate Secretary, Ralph Kennedy*

*Prepared by Mia Harris and Ralph Kennedy*

In attendance: Jane Albrecht, Steve Boyd, Simone Caron, Stewart Carter, Anna Ciani, Larry Daniel, Michele Gillespie, Hugh Howards, Simeon Ilesanmi, Ana Iltis, Ralph Kennedy, Christopher Knott, Mark Knudson, Pat Lord, Jason Lowe, Ananda Mitra, Sherry Moss, James (Wilson) Parker, Sarah Raynor, Stephen Robinson, Jimmy Ruiz, Mary Scanlon, Wayne Silver, Kathy Smith, Michelle Steward, Erica Still, Erik Summers, Allen Tsang, Neal Walls, Lisa Washburn, Julie Wayne, Paige West, Ulrike Wiethaus

There were 28 voting-eligible Senators present, a quorum.

### **Welcome**

President Carter called the meeting to order and welcomed new Senators. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2017 Senate meeting. Approval by a show of hands was unanimous.

### **Announcements**

President Carter announced that at its September 6 meeting the Executive Committee decided that motions and reports coming to the Senate should be sent to the President of the Senate ten days prior to the full Senate meeting. Annual committee reports should be sent in by the March meeting of the Senate to allow time for them to be edited and placed in the full report.

### **Follow-up on Senate resolution of March 15th**

Simone Caron and others reported on a June 28 meeting called to discuss the Senate's resolution of March 15 that Wake Forest and the Eudaimonia Institute should sever all connections to the Charles Koch Foundation. President Hatch, Provost Kersh, Jane Albrecht, Steve Boyd, Stew Carter, Simone Caron, Jay Ford, Mark Knudson, and Gale Sigal were in attendance.

Discussion culminated in a presentation of the following four recommendations from the faculty present:

1. The Charles G. Koch Foundation (and other funders) should be identified as donors on the EI website and all materials that are produced by the Institute, so that grant recipients can do the same.
2. Professor James Otteson should be removed from the Faculty Advisory Board of the EI as his presence compromises the independence of a board that, even then, would not be composed of elected representatives of the faculty.
3. The donor agreement with the CGKF should be disclosed or terminated.
4. The Gift Acceptance Committee should be brought into conformity with AAUP guidelines.

In a letter of 12 September, President Hatch noted that the first two recommendations would be implemented. The fourth will be addressed at least to the extent of including faculty representation, as recommended by the Senate, on the gift-acceptance committee. Finally, President Hatch noted that Provost Kersh is continuing to work with the Senate-sponsored group reviewing Wake Forest's conflict of interest policies.

#### **Report of Conflict of Interest Committee**

This is an ad hoc committee charged with developing a conflict of interest policy that conforms with AAUP and SACS guidelines. Mark Knudson reported that the COI committee met in late June and will next meet in early October. Mark Knudson and Simone Caron represent the senate on the COI committee.

#### **Report of Fringe Benefits Committee**

Simone Caron, chair of the Fringe Benefits Committee, outlined the Committee's work for 2017-18. Regarding health benefits, the Committee will be considering several options, including: (1) a two-tiered system of the sort employed at the medical school. This system would have a high medical option with more choices and higher premiums, and a low medical option with fewer choices and lower premiums; and (2) systems with premiums indexed to pay, just as parking fees are, with the difference that there wouldn't be a pay point beyond which there would be no increase in premiums.

#### **A Final Announcement**

On Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Winston Salem Journal published an article regarding possible changes to the Student Code of Conduct. President Carter suggested that there's reason to be concerned about some of the changes. The policy is now in open review in various fora where students, faculty and staff can learn about the changes, make suggestions, and register objections.

President Carter asked if there was any new business; hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.