



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Council

October 6, 2017 Minutes

The mission of the Northeastern State University Faculty Council is to promote communication and cooperation among the faculty and between the faculty and the administration. The Council serves as the faculty's collective voice in shared governance in order to achieve excellence in the academic endeavors of the university. Toward this goal the Council seeks to enhance the university's pursuit and dissemination of knowledge by promoting and preserving academic freedom and integrity, encouraging creative inquiry, and recognizing scholarly achievement. The Council further serves to foster the professional development and economic well-being of the faculty ~ Adopted by the Council, February 6, 2004.

The meeting was called to order by President Renee Cambiano in CASE 133 at 3:10 p.m. on October 6, 2017. There was Zoom access in Tahlequah and Broken Arrow.

Guests (Time is typically set aside for administrators who wish to address the council):

Debbie Landry addressed the Council. She thanked those who contributed to handbook revisions that will be in place for two years. She desires individual departments to take responsibility for implementation for RTP, including awareness of departmental accreditation standards. Questions and discussion addressed how all RTP portfolios are based around the Boyer model with the goal of a demonstration of strength in one of the four Boyer areas. Each RTP portfolios will be reviewed and signed by dept. Chair, dean, and faculty council. She is open to recruitment ideas, including better efforts to retain the students we have to promote new students in attending. For some, the Financial Aid Disclosure Statement is an impediment for students to enroll. Willingness needs to be in place for faculty to meet students' needs off campus as well as on campus. Ideas were shared about how to better engage with students over the summer and utilize upper classmen positive peer- pressure. 10 minute appointments can now be made with Provost Landry via

<https://offices.nsuok.edu/academicaffairs/ScheduleMeetingwithProvost.aspx>

She desires the Office of the Provost to be of help and entertained suggestions for more funds to be available for the faculty travel budget to engage in scholarship. Ideas were shared about using internal resources to be smarter together and the benefit of more communication in place about grants and external funding available.



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Pam Fly addressed the Council. She seeks input in regards to the scheduling of Community and Collaboration Day. The University re-opens on January 4 after Winter Break and Community Collaboration Day would be scheduled for January 8. After discussion she will proceed with the possibly of having some workshops scheduled on the 4th, but a full CCD schedule will be planned for August. She also shared some updates with how biographical information can be exported from Digital Measures onto directory web profiles and faculty college pages. She shared examples from the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma State University, University of Nebraska - Omaha, and University of Wisconsin - Osh Kosh. Additions to Digital Measures to these areas would automatically be updated weekly to the faculty profile on the NSU website. She is seeking input from faculty about the information we want to include in the web profile by October 13.

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Quorum Check: There was a quorum present.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the September 1 meeting were approved. <https://offices.nsuok.edu/facultycouncil/Minutes.aspx>
- IV. Old Business Items:
 - A. **Faculty Handbook**

A motion was made and was passed to accept the revised handbook with the following changes: a digital format is to be submitted as of 2018. 3.4.2 D, a discrepancy with the date and specification of submission to department chair or dean, when it needs to go to the chair first. 3.1.1 third paragraph – clarification about hiring protections remaining despite any future federal changes. Also, supervising roles are not addressed in handbook, based on clinical programs, etc.
- V. New Business Items
 - A. **Faculty Advising Task Force – From Bekkering.**

There is a need for more faculty to participate in student mentoring. Two students from each college are currently being mentored. An inventory is being made of best practices for this partnership and different needs that students have among each campus. Partnerships and communication needs to exist between faculty advisors and academic advisors in general and specific areas of expertise. HLC report demonstrates students



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have desire for the current model to improve, but attempts to quantify this become difficult. Faculty advising included in Faculty handbook under the Effective Teaching & Learning category, and the faculty voice should be shared in discussions about faculty load.

B. Faculty Enlight – Tabled for next meeting

VI. Committee and Standing Reports:

- A. Faculty Welfare Committee: John (Chair)
- B. Faculty Awards Committee: Renee (Chair)
- C. Circle of Excellence Awards & Lunch
- D. Ad hoc Strategic Plan Committee: Sarah (Chair)
- E. Ad hoc Budget Committee: Sarah (Chair)
- F. Delicious Dialogues: Pamela Louderback (Chair)
- G. University Committee Reports

VII. Announcements:

None shared.

Meeting adjourned 5:10 pm

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Burkhead Whittle, Secretary/Treasurer,
October 10, 2017