

Faculty Senate Minutes

November 7, 2017

Rooms 155 and 216 DeBartolo

Signed in as Present: Aaron Striegel, Anna Simon, Annie Coleman, Ben Heller, Ben Radcliff, Catherine Schlegel, Dan Johnson, David Gasperetti, David Thomas, Eric Sims, Guangjian Zhang, Jeanne Romero-Severson, Joe Urbany, John Henry Hobgood, Marsha Stevenson, Mary Frandsen, Matthew Capdevielle, Meng Wang, Molly Walsh, Nasir Ghiaseddin, Paul McGinn, Phillip Sloan, Richard Pierce, Richard Williams, Samir Younés, Sergei Rouvimov, Sibonay Shewit, Sylwia Ptasinska, Tom Nowak, Xiaoshan Yang

Not Signed in as Present: Adam Martin (e-mail; excused), Chao-Shin Liu, Cody Brockelmeyer, David O'Connor, Jimmy Gurulé, John Nelson, La Donna Forsgren, Marie Halvorsen-Ganepola, Matt Bloom, Mei-Chi Shaw, Natalie Porter (e-mailed; excused), Patrick Deneen, Richard Sheehan, Shahriar Mobashery, Shauna Williams (e-mailed; excused), Tarek Dika, Timothy Matovina, Tom Stober

1. Opening prayer offered by President Jenkins
2. President's address

Chair Ben Heller called the meeting to order in Room 216 at 7:10 p.m.

3. October 3, 2017 meeting minutes approved
4. Committee Reports Opening prayer
 - a. Academic affairs, Jeanne Romero Stevenson
 - i. Continuing discussion of classified research – Bob Bernhard has provided additional clarification on the proposal
 - ii. Jeanne's committee will write a draft of a resolution that will be sent prior to the December meeting.
 - b. Administrative affairs (Daniel Johnson)
 - i. Continuing effort to bring a campus-wide event on Academic Freedom in Spring 2018
 1. Will present in the executive committee with the Provost next week – a statement of rationale for the event
 - ii. Developed a draft of the revision of the Academic Articles, defining the Faculty Senate's role in the university.
 1. Will send to the faculty senate prior to the Dec. 3 meeting so it can be voted on at that meeting
 - c. Benefits (Nasir Ghiaseddin)
 - i. Genetic testing
 1. The policy is unclear
 2. HR doesn't set policy that governs all genetic testing
 3. Tests were not approved, very expensive

4. What Meritain does
 - a. Evaluates medical necessity
 - b. Decision is open to appeal
 - c. Goes to peer review
 - i. Panel of Doctors determine medical necessity
 - d. Multiple levels of appeal
 5. The question is how certain issues are evaluated
 - a. Example of a case in which genetic tests have been approved: identifying markers for cancer to determine which drugs are responsive
- d. Student affairs (David Gasperetti)
- i. Low awareness among students of resources for mental health
 1. Proposal: Info with a link to mental health resources s/be placed on all syllabi
 2. Will prepare a resolution providing a recommendation in December
 - ii. Undergrad housing policy and university village policy
 1. Continued concern about this, given stories about married, foreign students affected especially
 2. Is it beneficial to invite Erin Hoffman-Harding to the sub-committee to discuss
 3. Can the senate develop a resolution / recommendation to the President?
 4. Irony of building dorms for undergrads who may not want to live on campus, yet not accommodating graduate students who do want to be on campus.
- e. Executive committee (Ben Heller)
- i. Gave report to the Board of Trustees, emphasizing the role of the Senate as the collective and independent voice of the faculty
 - ii. Letter re: DACA students
 1. Only two elected representatives have sent letters back (one pro forma, one more detailed)
 2. Will post on web site
- f. New business
1. David Gasperetti – raised a concern about medical benefits and coverage of non life-threatening conditions when outside of the are covered by the HMO plans. Interpretation of the term life-threatening is the issue. Benefits committee can discuss possible change to language
- g. Adjournment