

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Room 136 DeBartolo**  
**May 1, 2018**

**Signed in as Present:** Annie Coleman, Ben Heller, Ben Radcliff, Catherine Schlegel, Dan Johnson, David Gasperetti, Eric Sims, Guangjian Zhang, Jimmy Gurulé, La Donna Forsgren, Marsha Stevenson, Mary Frandsen, Matthew Capdevielle, Molly Walsh, Paul McGinn, Richard Pierce, Richard Williams, Samir Younés, Sergei Rouvimov, Shauna Williams, Sylwia Ptasinska, Tarek Dika, Tom Nowak, Xiaoshan Yang

**Not Signed in as Present:** Aaron Striegel, Adam Martin, Anna Simon (e-mailed; excused), Chao-Shin Liu, Cody Brockelmeyer, David O'Connor, David Thomas (e-mailed; excused), Joe Urbany, John Henry Hobgood, John Nelson, Marie Halvorsen-Ganepola, Matt Bloom, Mei-Chi Shaw, Meng Wang, Nasir Ghiaseddin, Natalie Porter, Patrick Deneen, Phillip Sloan, Richard Sheehan, Shahriar Mobashery, Shaun Lee, Sibonay Shewit, Timothy Matovina, Tom Stober

- Chair, Ben Heller (BH) called the meeting to order at 6:06pm

1) Opening prayer

- a) BH offered a prayer

2) Approval of Minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting

- a) Minutes approved as distributed

3) Committeereports

- a) Executive Committee (BH)

- i. Senate End-of-Year Reception: Tuesday May 8, 4:30-6 pm

- Jordan Hall of Science Reading Room

- ii. Senate Retreat: Monday August 20

- Morris Inn: Salon C of the Smith Ballroom 9 am - 12 pm

- Joyce/Carmichael Private Dining Rooms 12 - 1 pm lunch

- iii. Thanks to outgoing senators:

- Natalie Porter, Guangjian Zhang

- iv. Thanks to senators who generously re-upped:

- Xiaoshan Yang, Mary Frandsen, Joe Urbany, Aaron Striegel, Anna Simon, Shauna Williams, Samir Younes

- v. Next steps decennial review of the Academic Articles (AAs)

- 1) BH informed that decennial review of the AAs is reaching the stage of a clean draft. Once the clean draft is produced, will be posted to the web with an invitation to comment.

- 2) Asked about the major changes to the AAs, BH mentioned the discontinuation of the SPF category and the new "ordinary" length of contracts for teaching faculty, professors of the practice, and the other categories (1/3/5 for assistant, associate and full). Marsha Stevenson (MS) relayed that Library faculty prefer the current system where assistant

librarians receive three year contracts. MS stated that this length of contract is essential to recruitment of good candidates for open positions at the library. Library faculty have met about this and will share their opinions with the decennial review committee. BH also mentioned that the revised AAs will make “CAPs of the whole” possible but not obligatory.

vi. Parking Committee meeting. Senate representative to the Parking Committee was absent and no report was given.

vii. Senate Elections—the following candidates were elected as officers and subcommittee chairs for 2018-2019:

**Senate Officers:**

- 1) Chair: Ben A. Heller
- 2) Vice-Chair: Annie Gilbert Coleman
- 3) Treasurer: Marsha Stevenson
- 4) Co-Secretary: Joe Urbany
- 5) Co-Secretary: Mary Frandsen

**Subcommittee Chairs:**

- 6) Chair, Subcommittee on Academic Affairs  
Matthew Capdevielle
- 7) Chair, Subcommittee on Administrative Affairs  
Daniel Johnson
- 8) Chair, Subcommittee on Student Affairs  
Richard Pierce
- 9) Chair, Subcommittee on Benefits  
Nasir Ghiaseddin

b) Academic Affairs (AA). Chair: Jimmy Gurule (JG)

i) Hosted visit of Scott Appleby and Ted Beatty from the Keough School to discuss proposal re: supplemental major

5 required courses –collateral impact on other programs discussed; AA committee was positive about the proposal

ii) AA committee discussed resolution re desired continued Senate engagement with classified research at Notre Dame. After discussion by full Senate, two motions approved:

(1) The Faculty Senate asks that it receive regular updates (twice a year) from the Vice President of Research or his/her designee regarding the status of classified research at Notre Dame (number of projects; value of projects; areas of research). One of these updates could be a written communication directed to the AA committee.

(2) The Faculty Senate asks that a senator with expertise in science or engineering be appointed to the Research Review Board.

c) Administrative Affairs. Chair: Dan Johnson (DJ)

i) Academic Articles

ii) Academic Freedom panel--Planned issuance of invitations

d) Benefits (B). Chair Nasir Ghiaseddin (NG)

- i) In the absence of NG, Rich Williams gave the committee report, beginning with a comment on the process used to decide on appropriate contraceptives covered by the ND health plan.
- ii) B met with representatives of Meritain on March 22nd to discuss the process for approval and pre-certification of certain medical procedures.

It was discovered that Meritain has been using Milliman Care Guidelines (MCG) when additional clinical tests are needed. This guideline unfortunately is not publicly available and perhaps more restrictive than CPB guideline that is used by Aethna and publicly available on Aethna's website.

Based on our suggestions Meritain will now begin to use CPB guideline immediately as their primary guideline for Notre Dame.

Meritain will put this guideline on their website and will inform both SELECT and CHA networks for this change. Hopefully this will be more transparent to all members.

- iii) HR has sent RFP to 6 companies in an attempt to see what is available and hopefully find a better company to administer the University Healthcare. This will happen during the summer, and B will update the Senate when more information becomes available.

e) Student Affairs. David Gasperetti (DG)

i) Meeting today

(1) Hugh Page (Vice President and Associate Provost for Student Affairs) attended the subcommittee meeting to discuss revisions to the honor code. Committee members were given a lengthy slide presentation in advance of the meeting. These changes are the end result of a three-year process of consultation and review of the current policy. The committee's response to the changes was by and large positive.

4) New Business

a) Annie Coleman reported that the Committee on Sustainability would like to give a brief report annually to the Senate. A straw poll was taken and there was unanimous support for the idea.

b) Mary Fransden raised the issue of the apparent contradiction between Notre Dame's embrace of the Pope's encyclical "Laudato si" and the acceptance of funding from the Charles Koch Foundation for the Notre Dame International Security Center. The senator was of the opinion that the Koch brothers have funded a number of climate change denial groups.

There was no motion made regarding this and the question was remitted back to the Administrative Affairs subcommittee so that more information could be gathered.

5) Adjournment

a) Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ben A. Heller