**Faculty Governance Committee**

**Oct. 23, 2018, 3:30 p.m.**

**233 University Center**

*Committee Charge: “The Committee on Faculty Governance shall review and interpret the Faculty Constitution, the By-laws of the Faculty Senate, and rules of order for the conduct of Senate business. Changes in any of these areas that are approved by this committee will be brought, by the Committee Chair, directly to the Senate for its action.”*

**Agenda**

Members: Cherry Beasley, Scott Hicks, Renee Lamphere, Ottis Murray, Frankie Denise Powell (secretary), June Power, Mabel Rivera, Michael Spivey, and Sailaja Vallabha

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes (Appendix A)
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. New Business
   1. Election of Chair
5. Continuing Business
   1. Cosponsorship of faculty onboarding by Faculty Senate to emphasize shared governance
   2. Planning of new faculty gathering in January 2019
   3. Planning of faculty mentoring programming
   4. Establishment of Faculty Handbook Committee
6. Announcements
7. For the Good of the Order
8. Adjournment

**Faculty Governance Committee**

**Minutes: August 28, 2018, 3:30PM**

**University Center Room 233**

**Members Present**: Scott Hicks, Ottis Murray, Frankie Denise Powell, Mabel Rivera, and Sally Vallabha, Beth Holder, Renee Lamphere

**Guests:** None

1. Call to Order
   1. Scott Hicks called the meeting to order at 3:41 pm
2. Approval of April 2018 Minutes
   1. The minutes were approved by acclamation.
3. Election of new chair and secretary
   1. Frankie Denise Powell volunteered for the position of secretary. She was approved by acclamation.
   2. Aaron Vandermeer was chosen as chair by acclamation, pending his acceptance.
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. The agenda was approved by acclamation.
5. Unfinished Business
   1. Faculty role in on-boarding new faculty
   2. Frankie Denise Powell made a motion to have “faculty on-boarding co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate to emphasize shared governance.” It was seconded by Sally Vallabha. The motion passed unanimously.
6. New Business – (Committee work for 2018-2019)
   1. This committee will host an informal New Faculty Gathering in January 2019. (Approved by acclamation)
   2. Scott Hicks made a motion to have “this committee explore a faculty mentoring program”. It was seconded by Reneè Lamphere. The motion passed unanimously.
   3. Frankie Denise Powell made a motion to establish a Faculty Handbook Committee. It was seconded by Reneè Lamphere. The motion passed unanimously.
   4. This committee will explore the validity of the current handbook (e.g. tenure timelines, promotion and tenure evaluation dates, and the question of which calendar year (handbook) should guide the tenure/promotion process). (Approved by acclamation)
7. Announcements: None
8. For the Good of the Order
   1. Faculty members are very concerned about the lack of parking availability and would like to know the plans to alleviate the current situation.
9. Adjournment
   1. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Frankie Denise Powell, Ph.D.

September 8, 2018