

Northwestern University
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
Pancoe Auditorium - Evanston, Wieboldt Hall 421 - Chicago
June 4, 2014

The Faculty Senate met on June 4, 2014 on the Evanston Campus at the Pancoe Auditorium and on the Chicago Campus at 421 Wieboldt Hall. Former Senate Chair Babette Sanders, standing in for Stephen Eisenman, who was out of town but present on the speakerphone, called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. There were 43 of 80 members in attendance, with 27 attendees in Evanston, 7 in Chicago, and 9 participating off-site. The quorum of fifty-one percent was met. Also in attendance were the immediate past chair and the Northwestern Emeriti Organization representative, both serving as honorary members of the Faculty Senate.

1. Chair's report/remarks, Babette Sanders

Executive Meeting, May 20th: Immediate Past Chair Babette Sanders, reported on the Executive Committee Meeting with President Morty Schapiro, Provost Dan Linzer, and other officers of the Administration on May 20. This Committee has been seeking increased Administration support for the Senate and its Chair, as peer institutions provide a higher level of support. Jeri Logemann, Eisenman's predecessor as Senate Chair, last year received a \$5,000 stipend to meet expenses. Provost Dan Linzer agreed to continue this stipend and provide in addition a single course reduction for the Chair. Administrative support for Diana Snyder is one tenth of her salary; this will be increased to one half of her time. She will probably get an additional assistant. This agreement to support the Chair is a strong testimonial of support to the Senate. It allows the Chair to devote more time to its work, to address other CIC chairs, and should in the future encourage Northwestern faculty to seek leadership in the Senate. Sanders expressed her thanks to Schapiro and Linzer for this increased support.

In response to the number of activities in which the Senate Chair and the Senate are engaged, Linzer wrote that we should focus on matters that do not duplicate the efforts of other faculty committees. As Schapiro indicated, we should be open to have a Senate representative on more committees, acknowledging that some of these committees deal with confidential materials that cannot be shared with the full Senate. Sanders added that a Senate committee members who wish to chair a committee next year should so indicate to Diana Snyder. Sanders reported that the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting was similar to the agenda for the Assembly meeting. The Executive Committee meets with the Administration three times yearly; the fall meeting is shortly before the fall Assembly meeting.

Assembly Meeting, June 2nd: The June 2 Assembly meeting went well, with varying degrees of detail and different degrees of consensus between the faculty interrogators and President Schapiro. Schapiro

was challenged by John Elston about the academic and financial costs of the football program. Unlike Kenneth Seeskin, who saw and heard no evil anywhere, Schapiro conceded that there are sufficient problems that Northwestern might consider pulling out of Division I and establishing a new division with half a dozen other schools. He did not provide many details about this, but it was taken as a potentially significant statement. The question of admitting a larger number of low-income students was also raised, with the indication that Schapiro and the faculty appear to share the same ambitions in this regard, without any agreement whether additional faculty engagement was necessary. Schapiro seemed to agree that regular updates regarding success in reaching this objective would be desirable. Educational Affairs Chair Susan Lee will be asked to follow up by asking about such progress.

Search for Senior Vice President for Business and Finance: The search for the Senior Vice President for Business and Finance has begun to meet with candidates; two have been interviewed so far; two more are scheduled for the coming week.

2. Election of Vice Chair FY2014-2015

The next item on the agenda was election of a Vice Chair. This was briefly delayed until the meeting attained a quorum. A quorum having been achieved via email voters who attended the meeting remotely, Susan Lee was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

3. Permission for Babette Sanders to continue as past chair for another year

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4. Committee Reports and Motions

Faculty Handbook: Wesley Roth Burghardt reported for the Faculty Handbook Committee that the Faculty Handbook will soon have a 2014 edition pending some minor updates. Sanders reminded the Senate that the Provost's website has a listing of all the policies affecting faculty duties.

Governance: Carol Simpson Stern reported for the Governance Committee that a substitute motion has been proposed regarding voting rights of Emeritus faculty. This substitute proposes that the Senate grant voting rights to one elected representative of the Emeriti. This does not require a change in Senate bylaws, she said. The motion was seconded. There was a discussion about whether the proposal requires a change in the Senate Authorization Document. Babette Sanders proposed that this meeting support in concept that the Emeriti faculty be granted one vote, and that the appropriate motions, including any necessary changes in Senate bylaws, be prepared over the summer and offered next fall for a two-thirds Senate vote. Stern agreed to refer the proposal back to the Governance Committee for preparation of the necessary proposals, with the understanding that the Senate supports the concept.

NTE: Heather Colburn reported from the Non-tenured Faculty Committee that salary data for 13 of 14 non-tenured faculty will be made available to the Committee, and that the 2014-2015 agenda is under development.

Research Affairs: Norman Harden reported that the Research Affairs Committee will hold its spring meeting the following Monday.

Secure Faculty Survey: Martin P. Block reported that the Secure Faculty Survey will meet a week from Thursday to complete its questionnaire. Senate members with questions to suggest should contact him immediately. He has a copy of the report recently done at Harvard, which is the best model he has seen. Anyone interested should contact him by email.

5. Farewell and thanks to outgoing Senators

Sanders asked all senators whose term ends with the current academic year to stand for a round of acknowledgment. She thanked them for their hard work as members of the Senate.

6. Senator Vacancies: Reminder for outgoing senators to contact department to elect new representative

Sanders called attention to the list of Senate vacancies next year that was circulated with the agenda. All senators were asked to be sure that their department is represented in next year's Senate.

There being no new business, Sanders adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daniel H. Garrison

Secretary to the Senate