

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Council
October 7, 2014

Members present: Kim Gainer, Vince Hazleton, Laura Jacobsen, Jerry Kopf (chair), Susan Schoppelrey, Carter Turner

Guests: Bill Kennan, Sam Minner

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. The minutes for September 30, 2014, were approved.
3. The council directed Dr. Gainer, as secretary, to contact the appropriate deans to solicit representatives for the adjunct/full-time temporary faculty seats.
4. The council directed Dr. Gainer, as secretary, to include a link to FSEC minutes in the emails notifying faculty of documents relevant to Faculty Senate meetings.
5. Dr. Kopf reminded the council that the FSEC is responsible for apportionment of senate seats in the spring and suggested that it be done in February.
6. Dr. Kopf reported that the University Executive Council would meet that day to discuss the calendar and whether it would be possible to reinstitute a fall break. The FSEC agreed that its guidance to the UEC would be that Thanksgiving break not be shortened as a way of accommodating a fall break.
7. The council discussed issues of workload and class sizes, including whether the current percentage of large classes is acceptable, whether there is a systematic problem or a problem with assignments on the department level, and whether a university-wide policy on class size is feasible or desirable. Dr. Kopf asked whether it would be possible to subtract released/reassigned time from the calculation of FTE in order to arrive at a report of credit hour production per actual hours taught. Drs. Kennan and Minner said that it should be possible to come up with such a report. Dr. Hazleton stated that he would bring back a motion to the FSEC asking departments to examine courses and set caps based on course goals and objectives.
8. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.