

Faculty Senate Executive Council
Minutes
November 18, 2014

Members present: Kim Gainer, Vince Hazleton, Laura Jacobsen, Jerry Kopf, Carter Turner

Members absent: Susan Schoppelrey

Guest: Sam Minner

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. The minutes for November 11, 2014, were approved with the correction of Dr. Jacobsen's name.
3. The council discussed released time and how it should be reported and its effect on calculations of faculty numbers. Concern was expressed that there might be a discrepancy between the provost's numbers indicating sufficient faculty and the effective number of faculty in front of students.
4. The council discussed the push for STEM programs in the context of STEM majors earning more money but non-STEM majors—such as Philosophy and Religious Studies, English, and History—costing less to offer.
5. The provost reviewed the BOV agenda, and the council discussed the prospects for RU West.
6. The revised career services motion was discussed. At the conclusion of the discussion, the motion was tabled.
7. The agenda for the November 20, 2014, Faculty Senate meeting was approved. A Motion Providing for Departmental Criteria for Promotion and Tenure, referred by the Governance Committee, was placed under New Business.
8. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.