

**Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC)**  
**April 6, 2017**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**

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[**In these minutes:** Discussion with Board of Regents Chair Dean Johnson and Vice Chair David McMillan; Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics Disaffiliation Motion; Proposed Changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws; Benefits Advisory Committee Nominations]

**PRESENT:** Joseph Konstan (vice chair), Catherine French, Dan Feeney, Kathleen Krichbaum, Michael Kyba, Monica Luciana, Donna Spannaus-Martin, George Trachte, Susan Wick, Robert Blair, Shawn Curley, Janet Ericksen, Greta Friedemann-Sanchez, Peggy Nelson, Ruth Okediji, Amy Pittenger, Peter Tiffin

**REGRETS:** Colin Campbell

**ABSENT:** Michael Oakes

**GUESTS:** Board of Regents Chair Dean Johnson and Vice Chair David McMillan

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Brian Steeves, executive director and corporate secretary, Board of Regents

**1. Discussion with Board of Regents Chair Dean Johnson and Vice Chair David McMillan:** Professor Konstan convened the meeting and welcomed those present. He then made a motion to close the meeting so the committee could have a candid discussion with Regents Johnson and McMillan. The motion was seconded, and members voted unanimously to close the meeting. Those present during the closed session included FCC members, Renee Dempsey, Senate staff, and, by invitation, Board of Regents staff member Brian Steeves, executive director and corporate secretary. Before launching into a discussion, Regents Johnson and McMillan each took a few minutes and shared some opening remarks. Then, following the hour-long conversation with Regents Johnson and McMillan, the committee spent time debriefing from their discussion with them.

**2. Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics Disaffiliation Motion:** Professor Konstan introduced the next agenda item, a motion by the FCC asking the Twin Cities Delegation of the Faculty Senate to rescind its membership in the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA), which had been sent out to the committee along with the agenda. The committee unanimously voted to approve the motion.

**3. Proposed changes to the Faculty Senate constitution and bylaws:** As follow-up from the February 16 FCC meeting, began by highlighting the proposed changes to the Senate constitution, which included:

- Verbiage changed to reflect that the Senate will have a minimum of three meetings per academic year rather than specifying two meetings per semester.
- Addition of language to include the Rochester campus.
- Addition of language to explicitly include Senate committee and subcommittee chairs as ex-officio members of the Senate.
- Change in verbiage to conform to the current practice whereby a senator can yield a non-senator time to speak on the floor of the Senate from the current language that stipulates that the entire Senate must vote to allow a non-senator to speak.
- Addition of language to specify professional students under Article III, Section 7 – Faculty and Staff Delegation.
- Clarification that ex-officio members of the Faculty Senate may speak and make motions, but are not entitled to a vote.

Next, Professor Konstan highlighted proposed changes to the Faculty Senate bylaws, which included:

- Representation of faculty on the Faculty Senate who are not in a collegiate unit or at a system campus. [There are only two areas where faculty have tenure homes outside of a collegiate unit or system campus and those are 1) Academic Health Center (AHC) Shared – a unit within the AHC for primarily centers, e.g., Center for Allied Health; 2) the Office of the Vice President for Research].
- Name change from Technology to Science and Engineering.
- Committee membership eligibility for faculty whose appointments drop below the 67% threshold.

Professor Konstan said there remain issues related to the wording around the 67% threshold and eligibility to serve on Senate committees that needs to be clarified and he provided a couple examples. In response, Professor Tiffin rhetorically asked if faculty on phased retirement who drop below the 67% threshold should be ineligible to serve on governance committees. Professor French agreed and suggested the 67% issue be revisited before making a final decision. Professor Konstan reminded the committee that this issue had been briefly talked about at the FCC's February 16 meeting when members discussed the value of cycling in new people who have a long-term interest in the University's future versus faculty who have valuable experience and expertise and have had a long investment in the institution.

Professor Spannaus-Martin asked whether revisiting the 67% issue would delay the other changes being made to the constitution and bylaws because the accreditation of Clinical Laboratory Sciences in the Center for Allied Health (AHC Shared) is in jeopardy if their faculty are not treated the same as the regular faculty. Given this, Professor Konstan said the committee will vote on the proposed constitutional changes after all because these are primarily housekeeping and clarification matters. Members then unanimously voted to approve the constitutional changes. At the next meeting, said Professor Konstan, the committee will vote on the proposed bylaw changes outlined earlier, except for the 67% threshold, which may or may not be voted on, depending on the outcome of the discussion once this issue is revisited.

#### **4. Nominations for Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC) Committee of Selection:**

Professor Konstan said the FCC needs to provide the BAC Committee of Selection with the

names of at least two faculty members they would like to nominate to serve on the BAC for the one faculty seat that will be open as of July 1, 2017. Professor Konstan went on to explain in a fair amount of detail the process the committee will use for deciding which names to put forward. He then made a motion to close the meeting, which was seconded and unanimously voted on so that the committee could openly discuss the nominations or self-nominations it received. After some discussion, the committee unanimously agreed on the nominations it would put forward to the BAC Committee of Selection.

5. **Adjournment:** Hearing no further business, Professor Konstan adjourned the meeting.

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