Robert Holland Faculty Senate

September 2025 Summary

- Meeting called to order for the September 2025 Faculty Senate meeting
- Adoption of minutes from August 22, 2025
    - Motion made, seconded, and approved
    - No edits suggested
- Guests: Dr. Tracey Baham, Associate Vice President for Institutional Strategy and Effectiveness & Accreditation Liaison and Dr. Brent Fountain, Senior Vice Provost
- President's Report
    - Welcome new Admin Assistant Kayla Graviet
    - Welcome two new Senators: Lyndsey Miller from CAAD and Maxwell Young from College of Engineering; they are replacing Senators Herrmann and Taebi.
    - No nominations received for Senator Coker's replacement in CALS/MAFES; will try again in the Spring
    - Thank you to Senator Stephanie Lemley who will serve as a second representative on the Work-Life Balance Committee
    - Summary of the Fall General Faculty Meeting held on September 3
    - Summary of committee meetings attended:
        - Athletic Council, Aug. 21: discussed replacements for three members whose terms expired
        - Executive Council: did not meet but approved changes to OP 79.80 Radiation Safety via email.
        - Master Plan Development and Advisory Committee: will meet on Sept. 11
        - Parking and Traffic Regulation Committee, virtual meeting Aug. 28: discussed status of new parking changes
        - United Faculty Senate Association of Mississippi, virtual meeting on Sept. 4: discussed joint meeting that will be held in Oxford on Nov. 11 and elected officers.
- Vice President's Report
    - Summary of committee meetings attended:
        - Academic Dean's Council: Sept. 8 meeting cancelled and rescheduled for Oct. 13
        - Calendar Committee: has not met since last report, but VP contacted Emily Shaw, the University Registrar and Chair of this committee, regarding Senator Kundu's question regarding the two days of class after Thanksgiving before Final Exams.
        - University Committee on Courses & Curricula, Sept 5: The committee reviewed 23 courses and 6 programs for approval.
- No business sent to committee

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- Standing Committee Reports
  - ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
    - AOP 12.26 Credit for Prior Learning: Senator M. Priddy presented the report on AOP 12.26. The report passed 37-0.
  - ANCILLARY AFFAIRS
    - AOP 12.22 Undergraduate Student Course Load: Senator Crow presented the report on AOP 12.22. The report passed 37-0.
    - Senator Chamberlain asked a question pertaining to the 57 contact hours. Senator Tschume clarified that this is 19 direct hours and 38 indirect.
  - CHARTER & BYLAWS - No Report
  - FACULTY AFFAIRS
    - AOP 13.05 Faculty Grievance: Senator Rai presented the report on AOP 13.05.
    - Discussion was had regarding number of grievance committee meetings in the past two years. Request to see how many faculty grievances have been filed in the past year, how they are resolved, and request to see number of Ombudsman cases.
    - Discussion was had regarding definition of conflict of interest.
    - The report passed 37-0.
  - STUDENT AFFAIRS - No Report
  - UNIVERSITY RESOURCES - No Report
- Old Business
  - Since Senator Kelly was the only nomination for the UFSAM representative. President Haynes called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Senator Kelly was voted by a vote of affirmation to serve as the second UFSAM representative.
- New Business
  - Shared Governance Regarding the 2025-2026 New Parking System passed 37-0.
  - Shared Governance Regarding Policy Changes passed 35-0.
  - Shared Governance Regarding the New Centralized Advising Model passed 31-0.
  - Discussion was had pertaining to election day absences.
- Senator M. Priddy motioned to adjourn, and Senator New seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

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