

## **Report to WKU Senate**

### **Kirk Atkinson, Chair – University Senate**

The meeting was well-organized considering the number of people in attendance. There was vote to organization into the National Council of Faculty Senates (NCFS) and that interested parties would be a member as an institution not as individuals. This is intended to provide continuity in the organization as well as differentiate this group from other complementary ones like AAUP and AACU.

The primary goals were determined to be as follows:

- Networking
  - o Governance faculty networking and support (repeated below in support)
  - o Mutual communication about effective and ineffective strategies
  - o Communication about administrators during hiring processes
- Support role
  - o Mutual support for each other – enhance and ensure effective governance across the different universities
  - o Communication system to the university leaders and boards and coming up with solutions to faculty – administration / leader problems
  - o Academic freedom and implementation thereof –
    - Gears in place for faculty senates to support
  - o Funding of faculty senates
- Help in implementing governance visions effectively
- Uniqueness vs complementary to AAUP
  - o Nonpartisan – focused on faculty concerns (AAUP is a political unit, we are practically-focused)
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There will be an annual fee (unknown at this time) for membership and an annual conference. We will be considered Charter Members. I tentatively agreed to participate pending WKU Senate approval.

I recommend that we participate, at least through the charter process and better understand the direction. I further recommend that we take the lead in Kentucky to reenergize a Kentucky-based council of senates.

Meeting notes to follow.

2018 10 26 Notes of NCFS organizing meeting

Participants present:

Anand Rao, Sathy Rjendran, Walter Szeliga, Kirk Atkinson, Spencer Wood, Leslie Parise, Jeff Jarman, Stacey Bedgood, Martha Horst, Carmen Rodriguez, Megan Elwood-Madden, Sarah Purcell, David Woodman, Todd Adams, Scott Pegan, Amy Claridge, Cody Stoddard, Gwen Kay, Cornelius Pratt, Raphael Porrata-Doria Jr, Nicole Buan, Hamid Vakilzadian, Amy Flick, Chet Cooper, Mike Hogan, Brenda Brown, Arlene King-Berry, Sue Myllykangas, Diane Henshel, Patricia Terry, Wynne Chin, Sandra Alspach, Trevor Hale, Jim Woosley, Bobbetter Morgan, Alba Ortiz, Ludovic Sourdot, Joe Velasco

Also on the list (not sure if attended): Meg Daley, Brian Stephens

With many thanks to Sharon Grimm for helping pull us together.

Vote to create and call the group the National Council of Faculty Senates: all approve with 1 abstention (Florida State because no discussion before vote).

All members present are considered "Charter members".

### **Final Committees**

Three committees are temporary. The Interim Executive Committee (IEC) is to be in existence until the Constitution is established and the first election can be held to elect the officers. The Vision and Mission and Goals committee will be in existence until they have helped the NCFS develop a Vision, a Mission and initial Goals. The Constitution and By-Laws committee will be in existence until the Constitution and By-Laws have been voted in by the members of the NCFS.

### **Regional Representatives / Interim Executive Committee (Texas initiating group + Representatives of each designated region)**

Amy Flick – Midwest rep to Texas group

Scott Pegan – (SE)

Megan Elwood-Madden (S)

Arlene king-berry (E)

Gwen Kay (NE)

Cody Stoddard (W)

Trevor Hale

Jim Woosley

Wynne Chin

Ludovic Sourdot

Joe Velasco

Bobbette Morgan

Alba Ortiz

**Vision and Mission and Goals Committee:** Bobbette Morgan, Amy flick, Arlene king-berry, Leslie parise, brenda brown, diane Henshel, Michael Hogan, scott pegan, cody stoddard

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Box folder for NCFS – includes Vision and Mission folder:

<https://iu.box.com/s/6rlwl9119s0jghjx96mdpaosuv4unyj5>

**Constitution and Bylaws committee:**

Martha Horst [mchorst@ilstu.edu](mailto:mchorst@ilstu.edu)

Brenda Brown

Raphael Porrata-Doria Jr

Kirk Atkinson

Diane Henshel

David Woodman

Gwen Kay

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**Database committee:**

megan elwood-madden

[melwood@ou.edu](mailto:melwood@ou.edu)

Amy Flick (chair)

Jeff jarman

Spencer Wood

**Marketing and Communication:**

Cornelius Pratt

Anand Rao

Sathy Rajendran

**Finance and Non-profit status:**

Nicole Buan

Carmen Rodriguez

Hamid Vakilzadian

Chet Cooper

### **Annual Meeting Committee:**

Chet Cooper  
Michael Hogan  
Sarah Alspach  
Sarah Purcell

Listserves happening by UT along with...

OU faculty senate will work on the listserv (Megan Elwood-Madden  
[melwood@ou.edu](mailto:melwood@ou.edu))

**VISION:** Strengthening and shared governance to ensure faculty voice in the future of higher education

- taking control of the narrative and being able to drive the process of faculty governance of all universities in the united states
  - implement faculty governance, academic freedom and communication with administration for campuses.
  - Have effective governance by faculty on all campuses. Making sure the concerns of the faculty are heard, and that faculty consultation by administration is meaningful and influential. (The interactive and effective faculty governance sequence seems to be that faculty could be:

Informed [important but not sufficient] → Consulted [Better, but still not sufficient]  
→ Impactful and / or driving the process for all matters influencing faculty within the academic setting. To be ignored by administration is strongly undesired.)

- Raise our voice of power and influence for faculty nationally
- Connecting, informing and empowering higher education faculty governance bodies

**INITIAL PLANNING FOR THE NCFS goals and etc**

Organizational

- online presence – and communication system
- listserv
- Annual conference
  - o Sessions sharing
  - o Current events – hot topics
- Funding for office or organization
- Need:
  - o Constitution
  - o By-laws
  - o Mission
  - o Vision

Goals –

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#### Database(s)

- Policies
  - Shared governance
  - Constitution and by-laws
- best practices
- research
- faculty in the 21<sup>st</sup> century -
  - tenure in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
  - NTT faculty
    - Protect NTT and protect their voice
- Glossary of governance terms

RAW NOTES from the discussion...

Vote to create the NCFS – no one oppose, 1 abstention – motion carries

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Need a group to determine constitution and by-laws.

Members are by: ? organization or individuals

Challenges?

Unique role of organization?

Goal – implement faculty governance, academic freedom and communication with administration for campuses.

Shared governance – to ensure shared

Strengthening and shared governance to ensure faculty voice in the future of higher education

Phil

Shared governance

Academic freedom

Inclusivity

Potential committees:

Constitution and by-laws committee

Marketing and Communication

Finance

Officer nominations and elections committee

Annual meeting planning committee

State organization of faculty senates – Missouri – created a mass representative position on the senate – ex officio non voting – 3 years – to representative to the faculty senate – membership by institution – and membership goes along with one membership fee – other people can come to the meetings though.

Interim executive committee – Midwest, NE, W, SE, S + tcfs organizing group

Set up until constitution created

List attending institutions:

Ferris State University

SUNY University

University of Virginia

Ohio State University

Western Kentucky University

Northwest Missouri State University

University of Mary Washington

Virginia Commonwealth University

University of California - Davis

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Temple University

Illinois State University

University of Wisconsin - Green Bay

Kansas State University

University System of Georgia

Central Washington University

Indiana University - Bloomington

Wichita State University

Youngstown State University

University of Oklahoma

Florida State University

University of District of Columbia