

Approved Minutes

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Thursday February 17, 2022

In Attendance: Dr. Kimball, Dr. Sherman, Ms. Fitzsimmons, Sheldon Dr. Tatom, Dr. Harrington, Dr. Messenger, Dr. Mulekar, Dr. McCready, LTC. Randolph, LTC. Jared Sunsdad, Dr. Coym, Dr. Meeker, Dr. Sanders, Dr. Habel, Dr. Shelley Tremblay, Dr. Hanks, Dr. Loomis, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Wierzbicki

Guest: Dr. Kip Franklin (Sitting in for Dr. Laura Moore)

Absent: Dr. Laura Moore

1. The minutes of the November 18, 2021, Z] CE • [D Á š CE v P % % CE } À X
2. Dr. Kevin Meeker introduced his class schedule proposal. He heard that other universities have had success with a M/W/T-TR class schedule. He also believes that it could help with enrollment. Dr. Madhuri Mulekar agreed that changing to this kind of schedule could be beneficial for instructors and students. Dr. Sytske Kimball expressed concern over having enough classrooms to schedule today a week classes. Dr. Ellen Harrington expressed the same concern. Dr. Susan McCready was concerned about only meeting two days a week for language classes and offered the suggestion that foreign language classes could be held so that the language requirement could be completed in one semester instead of two semesters. Dr. Wierzbicki stated that student attention spans and homework being due on the next day of class could be an issue for this aspect of power savings being beneficial for the university. Dr. Jason Coym stated that scheduling labs would be a concern. Dr. Kip Franklin mentioned that not holding classes on Fridays could affect ensemble type courses such as marching band. Dr. Philip Habel reminded everyone that Fridays could still be used for internships, meetings, that only principle courses would be held on M/W/T-TR. He then shared his screen to display a chart of room usage in the Humanities building and that the issue of a room shortage should not be the case. Dr. Timothy Sherman added that although scheduling labs could be a concern, he believed that holding after hours classes could be beneficial. Dr. Jack Shelley Tremblay stated that the Psychology department faculty is in support of M/W/T-TR class schedule. Dr. Wierzbicki suggested presenting this proposal to the Faculty Senate and Dr. Eric Slagter agreed with his suggestion. Dr. Justin Sanders asked if the majority of the Chairs were for or against this proposal. Dr. Wierzbicki stated that he would have to be sold on this idea in order to present it to the Council of Academic Deans and would need information.
3. The budget update, as of January 31, 2022, was reviewed (handouts)

13. Dr. Coleman talked about the 2022 South Fund Employee Campaign. He explained that this fund is a great way to