Present:
Greg Bruess (Associate Dean CSBS); Robert Dise (History and Senate Chair); Laura Parker (Social Work and Senate Vice-Chair); Michael Fleming (School of Applied Human Sciences); Qingli Meng (Sociology, Anthropology, Criminology); Carolyn Hildebrandt (Psychology); Jayme Renfro (Political Science); Lisa Milsaps (Geography); MAJ Bert Flather (Military Science and Secretary).

Meeting called to order at 3:16 pm

I. Selection of 2019-2020 CSBS Senate Vice-Chair and Secretary. Brief discussion on roles, responsibilities, and eligibility for both positions. Laura volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair with a unanimous vote. Bert volunteered to serve as Secretary with a unanimous vote.

II. Review and approval of minutes from April 15, 2019 meeting. Corrected to remove Ana Kogl from list of people present. Laura motioned to approve corrected minutes with a second from Carolyn. Corrected minutes approved unanimously.


IV. Review of quorum provisions in Senate By-Laws. Bob proposed reducing the number of voting members for a quorum from five to four senators to avoid votes on curriculum from being stymied in the curriculum approval process (as per paragraph 2.2 in the Senate By-Laws). In addition, the Senate discussed more specific language on senate alternates. It was proposed that other faculty in a senator’s department could backfill missing senators and alternates. In addition, in emergencies, any faculty member in good standing could replace any senator not present to prevent a potential year long delay in the curriculum process. This language would be codified in a new Senate By-Law paragraph 2.2.1. Bob motioned to reduce the number of voting senators in a quorum from four to five in By-Law Paragraph 2.2 and Laura seconded. The edited By-Law 2.2 was passed unanimously. By-Law 2.2.1. “2.2.1. In the absence of the senator and their alternate any full time faculty member from their department may represent the department at senate meetings and senate votes. In an emergency, any fulltime faculty member in good standing may represent that department.” was motioned by Jayme, seconded by Qingli, and passed unanimously by the senate.

V. Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted by MAJ Bert Flather