

Hubbard Hall 211

: Amos, Asmatulu, Billingham, Bowen, Boynton, Butler, Cossell, Delacruz, Foster, Gilstrap, Hulett, Jamkartanian, Kuhlman, Li, Loibl, Lynch, Ma, Marble-Flint, Moscoso, Muether, Myose, Nelson, Nicks, Ott, Price, Rai, Ray, Ross, Sherif, Showstack, Small, Sterrett, Stone, Sun, Tew, Thompson N., Thompson, V., Zhu

: Celestin, Cooper, Dowling, Dudley, Figy, Jarman, Kirby, Pang, Proctor, Sherwood, Williams

: Bussard, Gregory, Markova, Moody

- President Muether at 3:31 pm
- Two items added to agenda via unanimous consent
 - Discussion of House Bill (HB) 2348
 - KBOR Faculty of the Year (FOTY) award revision
- [January 27, 2025](#) – one correction noted by Senator Billingham; passed unanimously as corrected.
- Senator Billingham – [Statement on HB 2348](#)
- [HB 2348](#) – Zach Gearhart – Weekend was spent reviewing the bill. Shared the history of Emporia State University and their dissolution of tenure (which is currently being litigated). Notable points shared: s\$2mil to litigate if the bill passes
 - Likely will lead to problems with attracting faculty
 - President Muma does not support
 - Working with KBOR to strategize
 - House judiciary committee meeting on 2/11/25
 - Expedited timeline (out of house and to senate)
 - First hearing and first committee (many more steps)
 - Talking with governor and legislators

Much discussion and many questions among senators. Main takeaways include:

- We are still in information gathering mode.

- Regarding individual faculty/staff reaching out to KBOR - work through senate

- FOTY Award Revision – For non-tenure track (NTT) – revised language to the [criteria](#) related to adding NTT and adjusting timeline and revised language to the [award description](#). Please send any input to President Muether, who will take to KBOR if needed.
 - Clarification that the 15-page limit does not include CV.

- Billingham – Concerns regarding the inclement weather language from university being confusing. Faculty maintain prerogative as to how to deliver their courses. Faculty are encouraged to please communicate with students. Second comment: emergency meeting regarding current legislation, no provision for emergency meetings in rules. Should consider adding.
- Rai – Concerns with the accommodations policy, such as delays with assignments and implementing the accommodations. Recommends consider a policy change.
 - President Muether referred any accommodations questions to the office of [Student Accommodations and Testing](#).

- Next meeting is February 24, 2025, at 3:30 pm in Hubbard Hall 211.
- President Muether adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Chris Stone