

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2013
11 a.m. ~ Mahood Room 310

Present: Norman Mirsky, Tony Woart, John Snead, Albert Berkoh, Geoff Hunter, Carol Cofer, Vanessa Godfrey, Cheryl Winter (via phone), Jeff Bolton, Erik Baldwin, Adem Ozyaras, Sherri Williams, Roy Pruett, Deb Halsey-Hunter, Mike Lilly, and Dr. Krotseng

Chair Sherri Williams called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

Minutes: A motion was made by Roy Pruett, seconded by Tony Woart, to approve the minutes of 1/30/13. Vote: Unanimous.

Minutes: A motion was made by Roy Pruett, seconded by John Snead, to approve the minutes of 2/27/13. Vote: Unanimous. Changes to be made: **Page 1**, Academic Appeals Committee, change “he” to Sherri reported that the process will continue as previous. **Page 3**, #7 Office Hours...should read “Concerns were that IT (rather than is).

Academic Affairs—Jeff Bolton
No update

Budget Committee—Mike Lilly

- a) Reported that 8.9% is the latest budget cut.
- b) Will also be a cut in the Title III monies.
- c) On a positive note, with the outcomes based funding bill we won't have to come up the 5% next year, but we will in the following year.
- d) There was no discussion on raises.
- e) Bill still pending to raise \$60 increment pay to \$100.
- f) Mike also reported that Sheila Johnson is still working on the budget. Dr. Krotseng commented that she met with Sheila, and they are looking at our vacancies; we may not be able to fill all of these positions.

Professional Development—Sherri Williams
No update

Promotion & Tenure—Sherri Williams

The P&T guidelines were sent out to all faculty with the directions that applicants could submit their application electronically. After about four weeks, applicants were notified (per Dr. Jones) they could not submit their application in this manner. Sherri talked with Dr. Jones and he said the P&T Committee were instructed to not accept electronic applications.

A question was asked on “how the review process works for approving the P&T guidelines”. Norm M. felt the P&T Committee didn't send out the guidelines on how the P&T Committee would review the applications. Geoff H. voiced his concern on the email going out to those faculty applying for promotion/tenure instructing them with the choice of applying electronically. Vanessa G. inquired if Dr. Jones had received the email sent by P&T Committee with the guidelines to faculty. Sherri stated that Dr. Jones indeed had received the email at the time the faculty did; though, he did not comment on

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them until approximately four weeks later. Dr. Krotseng said to give closure to this issue, she will follow up on it. Sherri will call Dr. Krotseng on Thursday, 3/28, for guidance on this.

Curriculum Committee—Geoff Hunter

- 1) School of Education—change name of course from “Basic Skills Development: to “Praxis I Prep”. Motion made by Mike L to accept; seconded by Vanessa G. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) School of Business—To add new major in the B.S. Business Administration program—Finance. Motion made by Mike L, seconded by Roy P. Vote: Unanimous.

ACF Report—Mike Lilly

- 1) Higher Education Day with Legislature—He took students to Higher Education Day and they met with John Shott, House of Delegates. Mike also met with Delegate Poling and Senator Plymale. From this meeting with Senator Plymale:
 - a. Colleges don't have to come up with the 5% for the learning outcomes as noted in SB 529.
 - b. Another bill has the provision for setting standards for developmental education which would test students in the 11th grade to determine if they need to continue these developmental classes in their senior year. At the end of their senior year, they will take a test to see if they can enter college. Colleges could still offer developmental courses.
 - c. SB 329 outcomes funding bill. This bill appears that it will pass. The problem is this committee will be made up of legislators only; higher education has no vote on this bill.

Dr. Krotseng reported that affected parties are keeping a watch on the outcomes funding bill. Several college presidents want to charge tuition above the 15 hours. BSC is not committed to anything at this point. She wants to review BSC data before we commit to charging above the 15 hours.

BOG Report—Norm Mirksy

Board has not met since our last Faculty Senate meeting.

Followup on Concerns:

- 1) **RBA Degree**—Sherri will talk with Dr. Krotseng to see where the discussion is on this topic.
- 2) **Faculty Handbook**—Sherri has this ready to send out to faculty. We will vote on it in April at the General Faculty meeting.
- 3) **CAP Center**—discussion is still ongoing on how to improve with past faculty concerns.
- 4) **Collegewide Computer Committee**—Dr. Krotseng reported this committee will be meeting in the next two weeks.
- 5) **4-Day Week**—Sherri asked Faculty Senate members if they had reviewed this proposal from Dr. Jones and all reported that had. Mike L. said he felt this 4-day week was unfair to those faculty with labs and clinicals as this limits when they can be offered. Norm M. noted that the rationale noted in the proposal was that students preferred taking classes in two-day formats. He said there is also the issue of clubs meeting; also feels it adds more problems and the proposal ignores things we have historically looked at.

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Carol C. believes it would be beneficial if Dr. Jones would come to the Faculty Senate meetings so he could hear firsthand our concerns on issues. Sherri spoke to the SGA President and reported that the SGA has noted their "lack of support for a 4-day week" to Dr. Jones.

Our next meeting will be Friday, April 19, at 11 a.m. in the Mahood Conference Room.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Halsey-Hunter

Dr. Deb Halsey-Hunter, Secretary
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