

Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

April 2, 2014

(Approved April 16, 2014)

- 1. Roll Call (3:05 pm) Members Present:** Todd Christensen, Craig Conley, Patricia Cruz, Cristina Duran, Margot Geagon, John Jeffries, Warren Lail, Kerry Loewen, Seonsook Park, Carmen Vidal-Lieberman, Ruthy Watson, Donna Woodford-Gormley, Cheryl Zebrowski

Also in Attendance: Michael Raine, Teresita Aguilar

Absent: Jesus Rivas

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved (Lail/Loewen)

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of March 19th were approved. (Watson/Conley)

4. Communication from the Administration

- Dr. Aguilar gave a summary of the Board of Regents' meeting last week. Noted that there are 95 tenured or tenured track faculty and 131 part time faculty. The BOR will continue to look into developing a policy for assisting foreign faculty in obtaining their green cards. 4 sabbaticals were awarded.
- Some program initiatives were discussed, such as moving Minors to majors, AA degrees and a Masters in Nursing. Math classes are also being examined and possibly re-organized.
- Centers: Articulation agreements are being worked on. A new building in Santa Fe will be shared by several institutions.
- The Dean searches were postponed until fall.

5. Communication from the Chair

- Dropbox is doing something weird. Dr. Lail has a backup and will try to get the files straightened out.
- Program review postponed for two weeks
- 2 more meetings this semester.

6. Communication from the Registrar

- 815 to graduate, down from last year.
- Admissions, down from last year.

7. Communication from the Faculty Senate

- Professor Loewen gave a brief summary of the Faculty Senate meeting. The 120 credits minimum to graduate was tabled until next meeting. Although mileage rates were raised to 36 cents from 32 cents, the senate will continue to look into mileage rates. The Oil and Gas program funding was vetoed by the governor.

8. Communication from Subcommittees

- a. Undergrad appeals: One appeal. But the student may be able to apply for Academic Amnesty.
- b. Graduate appeals: Resolved the one case left from last time.
- c. Ballen Endowment: Yolanda Dominguez's visit is winding down, and there will be another visiting scholar in the fall.

9. Program Proposal: BA in Conservation Management

- a. Flexible program of study based on the student's interest.
- b. The registrar requires that the Curriculum should specifically list the 9-12 required electives for in the catalog and degree audit.
- c. Currently water resources courses are at a high level. A lower division introductory course is needed.
- d. Motion made to approve the BA in Conservation Management with the addition of required electives as well as the course proposals. (Loewen/Geagon) Motion approved unanimously.

10. Update on Program Reviews – timeline and subcommittees

- a. Timeline: Reviews submitted at next meeting.
- b. Subcommittee for English Review is Dr. Woodford-Gormley, Dr. Cruz, Dr. Geagon, Dr. Vidal-Lieberman, and Professor Christensen.
- c. Subcommittee for Forestry Review is Dr. Conley, Cheryl Zebrowski, Dr. Watson, Dr. Park, Dr. Jeffries and Dr. Rivas.
- d. Program reviews for next year will be put on the agenda for next meeting.

11. Late Arrivals

12. Meeting adjourned at 4:43