

General Faculty Meeting Approved Minutes
Approved January 28, 2015

October 22, 2014
4:00 p.m.
Sininger Hall 100

Call to Order: 4:07 p.m. with quorum obtained (29 voting and 2 non-voting Faculty attendees)

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved with several additions
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from September 24 were approved
- 3. Presentation from Learning Communities**
 - a. Casey Applegate-Aguilar from the Academic Affairs office reported that despite several variations of a Freshmen Experience course, retention or success of students are not improving. A committee has been formed to develop a new program.
 - b. They want to increase the rigorousness of the content, integrate it with two other classes, and have it be a three credit class.
 - c. Other discussions involved faculty buy-in, administration support and qualifications of staff teaching it.
 - d. Send comments to Casey.
- 4. Student Academic Integrity Policy revisions**
 - a. Proposed revisions came from a survey which was sent out several weeks ago.
 - b. One of the concerns was when to use the policy, so definitions of minor and major cases were included, and brief procedures outlined.
 - c. Appeals would follow the procedures of the Academic Affairs Appeals procedures.
 - d. Concerns regarding implementation and how to tell if someone has been flagged. The 10 day window to submit paperwork is too narrow, however, the 10 days is after a penalty is imposed, not when dishonesty occurred. The Registrar says he can develop procedures to implement the policy.
 - e. A version is already in the student handbook. The BOR needs to approve policy change.
 - f. Motion made to approve the student academic integrity policy with proposed changes. Motion carried with 1 abstention.
- 5. Faculty Handbook revisions – Dean Section (possible vote)**
 - a. Proposed changes were sent out last month for input.
 - b. There are still concerns about administration evaluations, which the senate is working on. These should specifically state that it goes to the VPAA and the Faculty Senate.
 - c. Motion made to accept the proposed changes. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Faculty Handbook revisions discussion**
 - a. Senate Committees – meeting time and absences and participation.

- i. Add in that if the previous chair is unavailable, the chair of Faculty Senate will call the first meeting.
- b. Absence of the Chair section. The intent is that when a chair becomes vacant in the middle of the year, the selection process does not need to wait until the next cycle.

7. Chair's Report

- a. Board of Regent's meeting
 - i. Report sent out to faculty
 - ii. Newspaper report of the meeting was accurate
 - iii. Have received some response from administration – A Faculty forum with the President is scheduled for next Wednesday at 2:00.
- b. Next Wednesday there will be a Special General Faculty Meeting from 4-6.

8. Faculty Forum Report

- a. Dr. Derkas reported that more than 36 people attended the first forum.
- b. Who Are We? Open enrollment, lack of infrastructure, growth, should research be a component, online teaching, lack of direction
- c. Where are we going? Need a living plan and blueprint. Support enrollment, graduate programs – more or none.
- d. Next open forum, Nov. 5th.

9. Announcements

- a. No General Faculty Meeting is currently scheduled for November
- b. Ballen scholar will be here Nov. 3-15, and call for Spring proposals will be coming out shortly

10. Adjournment at 5:10 p.m.