

Faculty Senate Meeting
September 27, 2017
Approved Date: October 11, 2017

Lora Shields room 265 and via ZOOM, 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Burns, Jim (Educational Leadership); Coggins, Kip (School of Social Work); Ensor, Kevin (Counseling & Guidance); Flood, Jeanne (Nursing); Gadsden, Gloria (Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice); Harrington, Edward (Visual & Performing Arts); Jeffries, John (Computer Science & Math); Jenkins, Kathy (Exercise & Sport Sciences); Kempner, Brandon (English & Philosophy); Linder, Peter (History & Political Science); Meckes, Shirley (Teacher Education); Meron, Angela (Media Arts & Technology); Ortiz, Luis (School of Business); Romine, Maureen (Biology); Sammeth, David (Chemistry); Williams, Emily (School of Education); Williamson, Ian (Psychology); Yerende, Eva (Education; Curriculum & Instruction); Zebrowski, Cheryl (Library)

Excused: Lindline, Jennifer (Natural Resources)

Absent:

Also Present: Gardner, Sandra (Nursing); Gonzales, Roxanne (VPAA/Provost); Marrs, Diana (Center for Teaching Excellence); Jason Torres (Graduate Student Senate)

3. Approval of Agenda: - MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes: – MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the Minutes from September 13th with correction to Gloria’s listing in the roll call. Motion passed.

5. HLC Update

a. Postponed to the General Faculty meeting.

6. Communication from the Administration

- a. A consultant will be on campus from October 9-11 to evaluate our online education. There will be faculty forums and all sessions zoomed.
- b. Looking at prior learning assessment for transferring college classes, training and other experience for course credits. Registrar and Academic Affairs will take the lead.
- c. Catalog – task force put together by registrar to examine conflicts in policies, procedures, flow, etc. in the catalog. Will now be put out online annually. Will put out a call for volunteers.
- d. Budget hearings for Academic Affairs tomorrow. Faculty are invited to attend.
- e. Strategic planning, still need updates from several units.

7. Communication from the Chair

- a. Executive team: Faculty Do Great Things sign; will invite President to discuss priorities and goals at the next General Faculty meeting.
- b. A reminder that committees can charge themselves.
- c. Will put out a call for faculty to be on the catalog task force.
- d. Craig Snow is the new interim athletic director, and Kimberly Blea was selected as the Dean of Students.
- e. Many events in October.
- f. Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs will come to senate meeting in October.
- g. Need to make handbook modifications in section 6, grievance committee, and look at *ex officio* committee members.

8. Communication from Academic Affairs

- a. Articulation agreements – all different, outdated. Suggested streamlining with a common form.
- b. State General Education Taskforce will have a representative coming Oct. 2nd.
 - i. Not going to require us to change course number if the name is the same.
- c. Upper division credit requirement is currently 45, and other institutions go from 37 to 52. May need to revisit our requirement.
- d. Weather policy is still in progress.

9. Communication from the Student Senate

- a. Jason Torres reported that they are working on creating a mission statement. They are working on raising and distributing funds, and to get more students involved.

10. Communication from the Staff Senate

- a. No one in attendance.

11. Old Business

- a. President's goals and budgetary priorities (tabled)
- b. Degree Audit/Registrar issues (tabled)

12. New Business:

- a. Developing policy for more effective hiring of contingent faculty (tabled)
 - i. Adjunct pools
 - ii. Timeliness of search and minimum qualifications check
- b. Converting tenure-track lines – *how should we do this?* Policy and procedures with justification for converting retained term. Discussion items included: *Should positions be open searches? Should that be a departmental decision? Perhaps hire retained term with possibility of tenure track?*
- c. Prioritizing academic/program quality (tabled)
- d. Customer service/staff support (tabled)

13. Other items (none)

14. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.