

General Faculty Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2018

3:00-3:50 p.m.; Sininger Hall 100

Approved September 26, 2018

1. Call to Order; special welcome and applause to new faculty! Pleased to have you!
2. Approval of Agenda. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED; motion approved unanimously.
3. Approval of Minutes from April 25th, 2018. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED; motion approved unanimously.
4. Chair's Announcements (D. Sammeth)
 - **Waning trust in public education.** Typically, one would be asked to reflect about the value of one's education at the end of one's days, not immediately upon graduation. Timeline too short for reflection and comment. Keep in mind that we as faculty are responsible to preserve academic quality.
 - We have responsibility for academic affairs. There is a process; timeline does not have to be short. Not necessary to respond to short timelines.
 - Mission is teaching, research/scholarship, and service. Academic freedom is incredible gift. Not always easy or convenient. Maybe we are not speaking up enough to guard the gate.
 - Einstein – "Creativity is the product of wasted time." At NMHU so much business, not enough time to think, contemplate, and create. Work hard; work smart.
 - NMHU is fully accredited and off probation. Not completely out of the woods. Focused visit scheduled for 2019-2010. 3 reports due that demonstrate maintaining and strengthening academic performance.
 - Enrollment management plan.
 - Fiscal health.
 - Outcomes assessment to improve programs.
 - **Restructuring of Academic Affairs Office is possibility.**

- Renumbering Deans.
- Changing academic offerings.
- Creating Office of On-Line Education.

- **To New Faculty, there are 2 faculty bodies:**

- Faculty Senate; represents all faculty and covers co-governance.
- Faculty Association; represents tenured- and tenure-track faculty and covers working conditions.

5. Presentation on Statewide Change to Core Curriculum (B. Kempner, I. Williamson)

- HED has come out with changes to common core, including reducing requirement from 35 to 31 and making 9 of the credit requirements “flex” credits.
- NMHU has to adopt certain changes in response to new mandate.
- NMHU faculty has to prepare new syllabi for all of the courses that it wants to be considered in the new mandate assessment.
- *How is common course numbering implicated in common core?* Basically, the state is mandating the course description and learning outcomes which much be in catalogs and syllabi. Individual faculty/universities can add to these standardized texts.
- Time lime for execution of changes = August 2019.
- NMHU Common Core Committee recognizes that cannot require changes. Recommending pathway for compliance. Decided not to do any immediate changes. All classes that NMHU wants to continue in common core have to be re-approved by Academic Affairs. Fast time line.
- BK reviewed Statewide Core Changes Summary (handout-1).

6. Adjournment at 4:00 p.m.