

Minutes of Faculty Senate
April 1, 2016

Present: Stuntz, Branson, Fiaud, Ambrose, Alex, Blodgett, Commissiong, Craig, Crandall, DeButte, DeOtte, Dursun-Kilic, Hartin, King, Klaehn, Meredith, Nam, Osei-Hwere, Ottoson, Shao.

Absent: Baker, Hindman, Lee, Lust, Wilson.

Guest: Blanton (for Wilson), Sharp (for Hindman)

Meeting called to order at 12:15pm in Room 14 (Eternal Flame) of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

1. Minutes from March 11 meeting
 - a. Approved unanimously

2. Old business
 - a. Proposal about regalia at Graduation
 - I. Still no news.

 - b. Informing Faculty about Constitutional changes
 - I. Doodle poll sent to committee to meet.
 - II. Will email to department heads the changes

 - c. Regent's Professor Applications
 - I. None at this time

 - d. Proposed changes to the Annual Faculty Review Process
 - I. Def #1: Motion to move. No discussion. Passed unanimously
 - II. Def #2:
 - i. Scoring is in increments of .5 and then it changes to .6 and .4. Why is the scale inconsistent?
 - ii. Motion to approve. No discussion. Passed unanimously
 - III. Def #3: Motion to approve. No discussion. Passed unanimously
 - IV. Def #4: Motion to approve. No discussion. Passed, 2 abstentions.
 - V. Def #5: Motion to approve. Passed unanimously
 - i. Discussion: Faculty handbook committee gave approval for changes and hired an editor.
 - VI. Def #6: Motion to approve.
 - i. Discussion: Scale should be consistent: 3.49 instead of 3.59.
 - ii. To accept these: 1 for, 2 abstain. - Rejected
 - iii. Move to change the excellent scale to 3.49
 1. 1 abstention. – Passed
 - VII. Discussion about the 2 page limit.
 - VIII. A junior faculty member was told that because they are at WTAMU, they cannot have a status of outstanding in service. What is the meaning of "outstanding"? What type or recourse would a faculty have? Maybe talk to the ombudsperson? Should the faculty senate propose that the faculty member be able to modify their percentages as the year goes by? Nothing states that they cannot do that. Sometimes some activities would cross all three areas.

- e. Representative on VHAC Advisory committee
 - I. One faculty from academic area in the AC.
- f. Other? None

3. New Business

- a. • Magister Optimus
 - a. Deadline for nomination is soon.
 - b. Committee: DeOtte, Dursun-Kilic, Stuntz (ex Officio), Blanton
 - i. Meet by email, select a chair, select a deadline for nominations, bring 3 nominations to vote on, secret ballot. The selection should remain a secret until ceremony in August.
- b. QEP and ARFP
 - a. Reaccreditation went well
 - b. Some faculty were teaching classes for which they are not seemingly qualify.
 - c. QEP is experiential learning. Give faculty some buy-in in the annual review.
 - d. Do we want to propose a change in the ARFP to reflect this buy-in?
 - e. Should that be reflected on the transcript?
 - f. Motion to add: "experiential learning in the form of..."
 - i. 1 abstention. – Passed
 - ii. Goes to the faculty handbook committee.
- c. VHAC advisory committee
 - a. From academic area who works in the VHAC.
 - b. Debra Blanton. Motion to cease nomination. Passed U.
- d. Other?
 - a. Senate has a representative on the president search committee. There are a couple of faculty members but not someone from the faculty senate. No interest groups represented on the committee. In the previous search, the faculty senators could meet with candidates.
 - b. Student fee advisory committee. A request to consider creating undue influence when a representative is closely connected to a particular student organization. Try to reduce the conflict of interest.

4. Announcements

- a. Last meeting on Dead day.
 - i. College should have elected their representatives. To attend the last faculty senate meeting.
 - ii. The representatives do not have to be from each department but the college has to have the minimum number of representatives.

The meeting of Faculty Senate was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

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