

Academic Senate  
February 10, 2015  
Brockmann Center Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.

**Members Present** – Lorren Schlotfeldt, Darlene Sellers, Fred Smiley, Heather Thompson, Rodney Ridenour, Lanny Wilke, Mark Seiffert, Jamie Underwood, Dr. Rugg, Arlys Williams

**Guests** –

**Call to Order** - Lorren made the call to order to begin the meeting.

**Minutes** – Rod made a motion to approve the meeting minutes on 01/13/15, Jamie seconded the motion. All approved with corrections.

**Provost Updates** – The Chancellor is currently in Helena. The BOR is March 3-6 in Helena at Helena College - the fee and tuition increases will be on the May agenda. We did very well, even with the enrollment decreasing, in the performance based funding. The money that is not distributed will be put aside for projects for the other universities to submit requests. The guidelines have not been developed (this change came from the legislature along with BOR and OCHE).

The strategic planning meetings are going very well. There are ideas of new programs coming out of these meetings. The Provost is still working on program prioritization to bring back a couple of programs. NWCCU is charging \$1000 for every articulation agreement so we will be doing MOU's and MOA's. Carlo has left for a new position, Marianne is interim until the position is filled.

**Chancellor Updates** –

**External Committee Reports** –

- a. UAC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 3-4pm CH 319 – no report.
- b. Academic Council – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 4-5pm LCR – no report.
- c. Strategic Advancement Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 2:30-4:30pm Fireside Conference Room – no report.

**Senate Committee Reports** –

- a. Admissions & Standards – Chair: Bill Danley; Recorder: Alisha Schroeder – the committee continues to meet regularly. They will meet this Friday.
- b. Cultural Development – Chair: Andrew Johnson – Fred and Heather met with Ligia and would like to meet with Christina. There are a lot of things to do.
- c. Curriculum – Chair: Byron Ophus – no report.
- d. Financial Aid – Chair: Mary Verploegen; Recorder: Barbara Zuck – the committee has not met this month.
- e. General Education – Chair: Jeremy Siemens; Recorder: Jennifer Anderson – the committee met last Friday. They are looking at an assessment tool for our

campus. The question was asked if the gen ed committee has taken a look at the general ed courses. Rod responded that they've tried, but nobody wants to give up any classes. Lanny suggested the Senate take a look at general education courses (to decrease them) and then report that to the committee. The Provost is looking at all the classes that haven't been taught in three years. He will take that report to each college.

- f. Graduate Council – Chair: Darlene Sellers – the committee will meet in March. Darlene has contacted three campuses on their process for appointing graduate faculty. She can't seem to get information from anyone, but is still working on this.
- g. Instruction, Research, and Faculty Development – Chair: Curtis Smeby – no report.
- h. Instructional Technology – no report
- i. Library – Recorder: Val Hickman – no report. There is a new writing center with Terry Blosser. The testing center is in the basement. The Provost needs help with installing a program on all the computer. This will be taking place February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

#### **Proposals –**

- a. 14-2 Nursing BSN Program Additional classes for Gen Ed Requirements – Darlene made a motion to approve, Jamie seconded the motion. The question was called, there was discussion. All approved.

#### **Old Business –**

- a. Two at-large positions for UAC – Mark has filled one position, but still need one more. Arlys will see if any of her faculty would be interested.
- b. Feedback regarding new process for submitting programs to OCHE – this is still in the discussion stage.

#### **New Business –**

#### **Announcements –**

**Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm by Lorren Schlotfeldt.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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