

Academic Senate
October 9th, 2012
Brockmann Center Conference Room
4:00 p.m.

Members Present –Lanny Wilke, Curtis Smeby, Lorren Schlotfeldt, Larry Strizich, Rosalyn Templeton, Stacey Dolezal, Carol Reifschneider, Katherine Williams

Guests – Christine Shearer-Cremean, Randy Bachmeier, Norton Pease, Will Rawn

Call to Order – Lanny Wilke called the meeting to order.

Minutes – a motion to approve minutes from September 11th was made. The question was called, all approved with no changes.

New Business –

1. Turn-It-In – it is a program that checks for plagiarized papers as students drip in assignments in the drop box. There will be a spike in disciplinary issues at beginning. All the legal issues have been are being worked on (copyright, fair use). The program looks at the percentage of wording duplicated. There will be two drop boxes for assignments. Christine used it at another school and found it to be too cumbersome and too expensive. Would the senate recommend that they create a policy before turning the program on? There will be a few trainings held and the students will be notified via D2L or course syllabi. Katherine motioned to support Turn-It-In with no special policies, Lorren 2nd. The question as called, the motion was approved.

Old Business –

1. Policy Reviews - Stacey D. is working on this issue. She will email Lindsey Brown again. This policy needs to be reviewed by the Senate.
2. Academic Calendar and Cancellation of Classes – the Chancellor wants input on cancelling classes for events for like TekNoXpo and SkillsUSA. What extent do we want to control the academic calendar or what should we leave to the Deans? Curtis motioned that the senate have control over the calendar for events that are campus-wide and the Deans will have control over college-specific events. Stacey 2nd the motion. The question called, all approved.

Proposals –

1. #11-27 – Humanities/Fine Arts General Education Sub-Categories – explanation of this proposal to the senate from Norton and Will. The issues and difficulties were discussed amongst the group. The bachelors of nursing needs a 300-400 level gen ed class. None of the classes in the category meet the 80% criteria and there used to be two separate categories for humanities and fine arts. There was a motion and 2nd to approved this policy. The question called, the motion was approved with disapproval of one senate member.

External Committee Reports –

1. The declaration of majors and advisors was discussed. There is a change of major form for the students to fill out to ensure they are listed in the correct major. Lourdes will email the form to Becky and Christine.
2. Also discussed the list of recommended changes and the list of productivity metrics. Another metric added for faculty that teaches in different majors. Need benchmarks against other institutions; there are concerns with faculty workload and advising.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 by President, Lanny Wilke.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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