

Academic Senate
April 21, 2015
Brockmann Center Conference Room
4:00 p.m.

Members Present – Lorren Schlotfeldt, Steven Don, Mark Seiffert, Rod Ridenour, Heather Thompson, Fred Smiley, Jamie Underwood, Lanny Wilke, Dr. Rugg

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 03/17/15, Jamie seconded the motion. Mark called for question. 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 – 2nd Thursday of the month 3-4pm CH 319 – no report.
- b. Academic Council – 2nd Thursday of the month 4-5pm LCR – no report.
- c. Strategic Advancement Team – 3rd Tuesday of the month 2:30-4:30pm Fireside Conference Room – the next meeting is 04/28.

Senate Committee Reports –

- a. Admissions & Standards – Chair: Bill Danley; Recorder: Alisha Schroeder – they continue to meet, the next meeting is this Friday.
- b. Cultural Development – Chair: Andrew Johnson – have met a couple times, will meet with Christina on 04/30. They will assist with cultural development events. Pow-Wow is this weekend April 24-26, needing volunteers for this event.
- c. Curriculum – Chair: Byron Ophus – no report.
- d. Financial Aid – Chair: Mary Verploegen; Recorder: Barbara Zuck – no report.

- e. General Education – Chair: Jeremy Siemens; Recorder: Jennifer Anderson – have not met lately. Task force update – Carol has drafted a document regarding two of the three concerns. The third concern is to be drafted by Brian Simonson.
- f. Graduate Council – Chair: Darlene Sellers – no report.
- g. Instruction, Research, and Faculty Development – Chair: Curtis Smeby – no report.
- h. Instructional Technology – no report
- i. Library – Recorder: Val Hickman – no report.

Proposals –

- a. 14-6 – Computer Information Systems Minor Revision – Lanny made a motion to approve, Steven seconded the motion. All approved.
- b. 14-7 – MUSI 1XX – add course to Gen Ed category VI Fine Arts/Humanities - Lanny made a motion to approve, Jamie seconded the motion. Mark asked about the class count in the category. Approved with one no.
- c. 14-11 – 14-17 – Mark made a motion to combine 14-11 through 14-17, Steven seconded the motion. Rod had some discussion, all approved.

Old Business –

- a. Paperwork required for changes to programs and courses – would like to get something on the Provost’s website to assist faculty when making program/course changes. – We spoke with Provost Rugg regarding issues with Chris and the process for the proposals. Lanny made a motion suggesting Lourdes print office a copy of proposal #14-1 and have the senate president sign and forward to the Provost’s office, Rod seconded the motion. All approved.

New Business –

- a. Tobacco Survey – Spike went to the student senate open forum, said they were going to poll the students. Apparently they polled people at multiple events and used that as a vote on this issue. They want a smoke-free campus, not a tobacco free one. It is not fair to students to have to leave campus to smoke (with no input with from the rest of the campus community). Heather suggested that we correctly poll the campus. Lorren feels that this is a whole faculty issue, campus issue. This survey is not helping make any decisions on this issue. Lanny suggested we have a full faculty meeting in the fall. Spike asked that the senate send a recommendation to the Chancellor’s office – that this survey is invalid. It was recommended that we put in place ashtrays (again) to the physical plant.

Announcements –

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm by Lorren Schlotfeldt.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Lourdes N. Caven