

Faculty Senate Minutes April 19, 2007

Call to Order:

Call to order: 4:12 pm; Riggle Room; ADUC.

Visitors: Teresa Johnson, Darrin DeMoss, Kevin Koett

Senators Absent: Ann Andaloro, Glenn Colburn, Pamela Colyer, Diana Haleman, Wayne Isham, David Peyton

Minutes: Senator Harford moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2007 as submitted. Regent Irons seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Reports:

Chair's Report:

- Two forums have been conducted with President Andrews to allow faculty to discuss ways to address the concerns identified from the Administrative surveys conducted last year. The last forum will be held April 24, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commonwealth Room.
- Chair Lindell received a memo from Dr. Andrews indicating that the New Faculty Institute will be suspended until the fall of 2008 to allow more discussion. The Chair will provide the members with a copy of the plan at the next meeting.

Regent's Report:

- The Coalition of Senate Faculty Leadership will meet Saturday, April 21, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

Provost's Report:

- The Provost stated that the Celebration of Scholarship was outstanding and congratulated the faculty and students who participated for their efforts.
- The Provost encouraged the members to attend the Honors Convocation on April 29, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. and to encourage other faculty to attend also.
- The Provost encouraged the members to attend the Commencement on May 12, 2007.

The Provost was asked if the University is subscribing to the Quality Matters program. The Provost indicated that the University will be subscribing to that program. The Interim Director of Distance Learning will be meeting with one or two of the Senate committees to discuss the program.

Senate Actions:

Governance:

- The committee presented the revised Planning Committee Description for a second reading. Darrin DeMoss, co-chair of the Planning Committee, explained the revisions to the Planning Committee Description. A change to a non-voting member's title will be made. Darrin DeMoss and Teresa Johnson addressed the questions of the members. The committee asked for clarification of the Two at-Large Faculty elected by the faculty body. Darrin DeMoss indicated that the at-Large faculty are not required to be Senators. Senator Wallace moved to end discussion and vote. Motion passed. Darrin DeMoss will provide the Governance Committee with an updated description.

- The committee presented the new committee assignments to the members for review with one revision; Edna Schack will replace Mark Schack on Faculty Promotion instead of Karen Lafferty. The terms of the elected faculty to the Planning Committee will be changed to four years after the clarification by the co-chair of the Planning Committee today. Senator Wallace moved to end discussion and vote. Motion passed.

Academic Policies:

- Senator Schroeder stated that the Academic Policies Committee rescinded the Academic Withdrawal Policy submitted at the last meeting for a first reading and presented the Academic Withdrawal Policy provided by the Provost to the members for consideration. Dr. Moore explained the revisions to the policy. The members made the following suggestions:
 - Specify that the Associate Provost of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs will make the decision whether or not to approve withdrawal.
 - Clarify and revise the last two sentences.
 - Clarify that this policy refers only to withdrawal for non-academic reasons.
 - Delete the word "external" from the third sentence from the end of the document.Senator Wallace moved that the Academic Withdrawal Policy be revised to clarify who approves the withdrawal and the conditions that are acceptable for withdrawal. The Academic Policies Committee will work with the Provost on the revisions. Senator Kiffmeyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The survey regarding the laptop initiative is online.

Professional Policies:

- The committee presented a Resolution Regarding the Calculation of Teaching Loads for a first reading, along with a list of Formulas for Determining Faculty Credit Based on Instruction Type. The resolution states that the Formulas for Determining Faculty Credit Based on Instruction Type should be attached to PAC-29 on the Human Resources Web site, copies should be disseminated to all departments and colleges, and stated that it is official policy and should be followed. A member suggested that the policy not be published because it is so out of date, but should be reviewed and revised in the fall.

Communication: No Report

Evaluation: No Report

Fiscal Affairs: No Report

Adjournment: 5:20 pm.