

Faculty Senate Executive Council

Minutes for 8-31-10

Members present: Beverly McCormick, Gary LaFleur, Verdie Craig, Kim Sharp, Doug Chatham, Royal Berglee

Members absent: Julia Hypes "Excused"

The meeting was held in the Senate Conference Room and called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Committee Reports: None

Agenda items for September 2, 2010:

Minutes: May, July, August

Announcements:

- A. Special Meeting: September 30th- David Larry, Deputy Council from Appalachian State University will speak on Academic Freedom – Chair provided council with tentative outline – Discussed content of outline – Will inform faculty they may send the chair email on any specific issues they would like Dr. Larry to address, one of which could be-what are policies on Academic Freedom at other universities – **Circulate PAc 14 to Faculty Senate before the meeting** – Will not disseminate outline
- B. University Picnic after the Senate meeting on the Allie Young Lawn

Senate meets in respective committees:

Chair provided council members with an outline for a Committee Report to be used for the September 2nd committee meetings. The chair reviewed how the Senate committees should conduct their meeting. Vice-chair will complete the Committee Report; provide it to the committee chairs who will forward to Chair McCormick and the Senate secretary.

Retreat Concerns:

Senator Craig provided a list of the concerns discussed at the retreat. The Council discussed the list and assigned the key concerns to their respective committees.

Committee assignments were made as follows:

Academic Issues: Blackboard vs. moodle; Attendance policy; Gen Ed

Evaluation: Evaluation of chairs and deans; Assessment

Faculty Welfare & Concerns: Tenure/promotion, Consistency/Transparency; Compensation/Benefits

Governance: Vote on constitution; Standing membership

Senate committee on Issues: People come first/morale; Faculty 180; Payment Schedule

The Communications Officer will work on all aspects on communication both up and down.

Suggestions were made to do the following: 1) conduct forums on Data Strategies, 2) research Blackboard vs. Moodle, 3) ask Beth Patrick to address the Senate on the salary study that was conducted, 4) add Faculty 180 to the MSU web page under A – Z, 5) review Attendance Policy UAR 131.01

Senator Craig and Senator Berglee will draft a summary document of the key concerns for dissemination to the Senate and Administration.

Adjournment: 6:30 p.m.