

Faculty Senate Minutes
November 4, 2010

Call to Order: Chair-elect Kimberlee Sharp called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm; Riggle Room; ADUC.

Senators Absent: Vincent Cesaro, Sarah Hawkins, Lisa Kiper, Gary LaFleur, Beverly McCormick, Rebecca Miculinich, Pam Ryan, Yuqiu You

Visitors: Dr. Dayna Seelig, Associate VP Academic Affairs/Academic Programs; Dr. Annie Adams, Professor of English

Minutes: Senator Lennex moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2010 as submitted. Senator McCoy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Academic Issues: Encouraged Senators and all faculty to participate in the Moodle training sessions

Evaluation: No Report

Faculty Welfare and Concerns: PAC 7, PAC 27 and PAC 29 to present for first reading

Governance: Revision to Student Disciplinary Committee description for first reading; Present recommendations for Graduate Committee election

Senate Committee on Issues: Identified goals; immediate is to improve interface; will meet with Scott Wymer, L.K. Williams and Charlie Patrick next Thursday; please email suggestions for Faculty 180 to Ray Bailey

Reports:

Chair's Report:

Chair-elect Sharp asked that all Senators try to attend one of the President's two open forums, to be held on Wednesday, November 17th at 8:30 am and 3:00 pm.

Chair McCormick emailed Dr. Hughes three concerns from faculty regarding the MoodleRooms training:

1. Moodle training sessions were scheduled during student registration week; a time normally utilized by faculty to advise students for course scheduling;
2. Training times conflict with class times making it more difficult for faculty to attend, and the 3 hour training session makes it even more of a burden on faculty due to classes;
3. The advertisement on the flier "MSU's newest Course Management System" has caused many to wonder if the decision to switch to Moodle has already been made.

Chair-elect Sharp encouraged all Senators and faculty to try to attend part or all of one of the Moodle training sessions. Two Senators indicated that they were told that the sessions were full and they could not register. It would be helpful if more sessions could be scheduled this semester.

Chair-elect Sharp opened the "Open Chair Segment". A faculty member thanked the Senate for allowing the "Open Chair Segment" to be part of the meetings. Various items of communication incompatibility were brought forward. A Senator asked about the purchase of the Rowan County Library with respect to the current budget situation. Other issues brought forward were: how Data Strategies fits with General Education and answers to the questions that the Senate Committee on Issues compiled that were to be forwarded to the Provost. Senator Sharp reported that the questions/concerns were shared at the President's Leadership Council retreat, but none of these concerns were at the top of the priority list that the President's Leadership Council will address in the coming months. The Provost will address these issues with the Senate after meeting with the Executive Council on November 15th. Data Strategies forums for faculty will be held after that. Regent Morrison shared information on the purchase of the Rowan County Library.

Provost's Report: Provost did not send a report

Regent's Report:

- November 18th BOR work session
- Answered a Senator's prior question regarding how the Foundation invests its money
- Terry Irons is recovering in intensive care at UK Medical Center from serious surgery

General Education Report: Gen Ed Council continuing to review proposals for distribution courses. Senator Sharp talked about the November 2nd email from Charlie Patrick regarding the SLO's/assessment for core and transition courses for next year. Senator Sharp will ask Dr. Patrick to resend the email with clarifications. Gen Ed Council will look at 300 level courses for Gen Ed. A question was brought forward regarding SLO's for science courses.

Senate Actions:

Faculty Welfare and Concerns:

Presented revisions to PAc 7 – New FEP's, PAc 27 – revision on tenure review, and PAc 29 – revision to existing PAc on faculty work load, for first reading. This work is ongoing from last year and the year before. Senator Sharp opened the floor for clarifications and questions only. Senator Craig asked all Senators to send her any suggestions or revisions they may have.

Governance:

Presented a revision to the Student Disciplinary Committee Description for first reading. Revision Line 10, 11, 12 – (Resident Hall Association no long exists) **one student who must reside in University housing and is selected by the Student Government Association.** ~~the President of the Residence Hall Association.~~ Senator Rathbun moved to suspend the rules and move to a vote. Senator Chatham seconded the motion. Motion to suspend passed. Recommended revision to Student Disciplinary Committee Description was passed by the Senate.

Recommended that the names Janet McCoy and Sylvia Henneberg be placed on the ballot to complete a term of 2009-2011 on the Graduate Committee from the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Recommendation passed. Graduate faculty in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences will receive ballots via Ballot Bin.

Senate Committee on Issues:

- Continuing to work on Faculty 180
- Morale subcommittee will discuss an action plan to present to the Senate body.
- Will also investigate an ombudsman
- Possible forums

Old Business:

Executive Council will meet with Provost on November 15th regarding Data Strategies, forums to follow

New Business:

A Senator asked that the lights that are not functioning be replaced.

Announcement:

Senator Berglee suggested that everyone attend the President's forums.

Adjournment: 5:50 pm