

Faculty Senate Minutes February 21, 2013

Call to Order: Chair Chatham called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm; Riggle Room, ADUC

Senators Absent: Ali Ahmadi, Ray Bailey, Christine Emrich, Barbara Lyons, Gilbert Remillard, Robert Royar

Visitors: Dr. Roger McNeil sitting in for the Provost; Aaron Gay, Chair Staff Congress

Minutes: The minutes of January 31, 2013 and February 7, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Reports:

Chair's Report:

- Due to a scheduling conflict, Senator Lennex resigned from the Reconciliation Committee. Chair Chatham asked if anyone would like to fill the vacancy, see him after the meeting.
- Need a substitute member for TEC for the meeting on March 6 at 3:00 pm.
- Chair Chatham reported that the Executive Council of Staff Congress and the Executive Council of Faculty Senate met with the President and Provost on February 18, 2013 at 10:45 A.M. to discuss the "Are We Making Progress" survey results. The President asked all departments and units on campus to discuss the results of the survey and provide him with list of things that get in the way of progress for their unit individually, and the University as a whole. This is to be submitted to John Ernst by March 15, 2013.
- Chair Chatham reminded Senators that the Committee Interest Survey is due back by February 28.
- Staff Congress and the Office of Human resources and Payroll have announced several professional development opportunities for employees. These opportunities can be found on the web at <http://www2.moreheadstate.edu/professionaldvelopment/>

There was considerable discussion regarding the "Are We Making Progress" survey results.

Provost's Report: Dr. McNeil, on behalf of the Provost, provided a report on the plan for Summer School. The Provost, Deans, Enrollment Services and Marketing are working on strategies to increase enrollment in Summer School. Dr. McNeil provided information on the four strategies they are focusing on which are: Course Offerings, Registration, Promotional/Marketing, and Financial. He also explained the compensation model that will be piloted for Summer School this year. Questions from Senate members will be taken back to the Provost.

Regent's Report: BOR retreat February 25 and 26; BOR meeting March 14

General Education Council Report: The GEC has been reviewing Exchange Courses.

Academic Issues: Academic Issues brought GEC Approved Revisions to Student Learner Outcomes (SLOs) for a first reading. Senator McCormick explained the rationale for the revisions. Senator McCormick moved to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Motion passed. Senator Berglee moved to close debate on the revised SLOs. Senator Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chair Chatham called for a vote. The revised SLOs were approved by the Senate as presented.

Governance: Vice Chair Boram, on behalf of Governance, recommended Zexia Barnes fill an at-large vacancy on the Academic Appeals Committee for 2012-2014. Recommendation passed by the Senate.

Committee on Issues (CI): CI provided a list of answers from Steve Richmond to questions asked during his visit to Senate in October 2012. CI is also working to assure that Faculty Senate has representation on the committees being formed as a result of the IT Plan.

CI moved to adopt a Resolution Concerning Safety Training. A Senator suggested one minor change to the resolution. CI accepted the change. Chief Sparks is also very willing to visit institutional units to provide the information needed. The Senate approved the Resolution Concerning Safety Training as revised.

Senator Rathbun informed the Senators that the issue of an Ombudsperson is being dropped at this time.

Announcements:

Senator Aleman provided the secretary with a flyer regarding a Sign Language and Culture Club that has been established on campus. Sign language will be taught to beginners on Tuesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm and advanced Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00. The secretary will forward the flyer to all Senators.

The Task Force on ADA Compliance made a suggestion that employees familiarize themselves with the routes individuals with a disability would need to take from building to building in case they were ever asked for directions. The Task Force is working on a campus map with the ADA compliant routes and building entrances.

Adjournment: 5:15 p.m.