

Faculty Senate Minutes
16 March 2006

Call to order 4:10pm

Senator's Absent: Pam Colyer, Monica Magner, Greg Wing, Nancy Peterson, Eujin Kim

Introduction of Visitors: Michael Judge

Approval of Minutes: 2 March 2006 - approved

Chair's Report - no report

Provost's Report - no report

Regent's Report

Technology work group with the printers, copiers, etc.

- o Find a vendor to take over copying contract and possibly run the document services
- o Campus-wide document services is a good approach but MSU may not be ready to go that route
- o University committed to faculty freedom regarding having a printer on their desktop - if that position changes Terry will fight for that right
- o Terry Irons and Gary Masaguido from art

Distance Learning (Blackboard), Michael Judge

- o None of the courses will be deleted after this semester in May 19th
- o Only courses that have been approved by Deans and faculty will be deleted
- o Others will be stored → backed up and moved to a server without public access
- o No one will be able to access their courses from May 19th through the 25th
- o Courses that will be offered for the fall and the summer will then be loaded back onto the server
- o You can select what you export to your computer if it is a pool
 - o → Terry Patterson can help people if they have created a test rather than a pool of questions and the person desires to save those questions
- o Datatel has a software plug in to Blackboard that will make it easy to simply submit midterm and final grades
- o There are workshops that will guide you through the backing up process for Blackboard shells.
- o We are going to the next version of Blackboard (version 7) which will go live May 25th
- o What will be done to prepare students for the distance learning experience? Flash tutorials are available for students to assist them, but they are not required to receive training before taking an online course.

Committee Reports

1. Academic Policies
 - a. Resolution concerning Online Check sheets - Approved
2. Fiscal Affairs
 - a. **UAR NUMBER:** 304.01 **TITLE:** Sick Leave Pool - 1st Reading
 - b. Key concern is about the definition of "routine maternity leave." This actually is looking to open the door for those with problematic pregnancies to seek relief via the sick leave pool, which were previously not available from existing UAR.
 - c. Questions were raised about the new item #16 - the timeline for access

3. Evaluations

Subcommittee has been formed and is working on a senior administrator evaluation and there is an interest to follow the Baldrige process.

4. Communications - no report

5. Governance

- o Creative Research and Productions Committee had a resignation and Scott Wymer was nominated to fill the vacancy - approved
- o Faculty interest survey regarding university committee - due March 28, 2006

6. Professional Policies

- o Facilitate.com is in the pilot phase and will be opened up to all faculty April
- o Faculty will have access to facilitate.com to make comments and recommendations regarding the tenure and promotion process (career development)

New Business

Terry Irons - motion for tabling a resolution regarding students need for showing proficiency using Blackboard before being allowed to take an online course

Announcements

Adjournment - 5:20pm