

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 29, 2011

SB 112

In attendance: Suzanne Buck, CHSS; Cef Garcia, SAGE; Roderigo Padilla, Academic Advisement; Carol Ross (for Shanna Davis), HWPS; Julia So, CHSS; Judith Tomasson, SAGE; Steve Glass, MSE; Michael Crane, MSE; Barton Bond, AT

ITEM

ACTION

Quorum

Established

Approval of Agenda

Approved

Approval of Minutes

Approved

- Minutes will be sent to Julia in order to convert them into a PDF format and distribute them to the entire FS.

- Julia motioned to approved minutes as written with the additional instruction to the Secretary to distribute new minutes with five days. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Barton summarized meeting with Beth regarding Student Evaluation of Instruction. Michael will look at statistical implications of evaluations. Beth will see how soon suggestions can be implemented.

- Judith and Cef will continue to work on the idea of a standing subcommittee to discuss/evaluate/edit faculty evaluations. Cef and Judith will propose their ideas for the structure and purpose of this subcommittee at the September meeting.

- Suzanne will survey the Distance Learning faculty to gather ideas about a useful set of questions for DL evaluations. Results will be given to the new subcommittee.

- Barton outlined the underlying tensions existing between administration and those “in the trenches”. Decision-making is perceived as collaborative by some, but not by most. The trust issue must be addressed honestly with administration and faculty.

●Barton proposes bringing consultants to campus to help us begin that process, as this will raise the level of awareness regarding this issue. Steven Covey was put forward as an option. Barton will formalize his proposal at the September meeting.

New Business

Elections

●Barton proposes a future date for revision of bylaws and constitution, but elections will be held regardless of current constitutional strictures.

Nominations and election

●Nominations for FS officer positions were conducted with the following results: CHAIR---Barton, VICE-CHAIR---Cef, SECRETARY---Julia, TREASURER---Judith. All nominated officers elected by acclamation.

Faculty Recognition

●Chair Council wants regular and official faculty recognition. The CNM Foundation is also considering this. Barton wants the FS to spearhead this, for example, by making it part of graduation. Peer nomination for recognition was also brought up.

Leadership Council

●The council is focused on scenarios that may happen in the coming year, spurred by legislative and funding changes. The best use of resources and general goals for the institution are subjects of discussion. There will be a detailed action plan for campus by the end of summer. Administration recognizes that change is inevitable, and chooses to be proactive.

Next meeting

The next FS meeting will be held on September 23 from 1-3 p.m.