

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

1 Feb 2019

Senators present: Kenny Purcell, Brandon Field, Charlotte Connerton, Rex Strange, Rich Bennett, Wes Durham, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Mary Doerner, Ken Shemroske, Perry Burnett, Brooke Mathna, Oana Popescu-Sandu, Phoneshia Wells, Chad Tew.

Other attendees: Mohammed Khayum, Shelly Blunt, Belle Cowden, Tracy Kinner, Walter Fisher, Amy Chan Hilton, Adrian Gentle, Marna Hostetler, Andrea Wright.

- Meeting called to order: 2:30 pm.
- Motion made to approve last meetings minutes.
 - Two modifications were sent to Rich, and already made. An additional modification was suggested by Dr. Khayum to clarify something from his report.
 - Amended minutes approved with two abstentions.
- Chair's Report:
 - Lots of meetings weren't held (or were cancelled on Wednesday), so he didn't have much to report.
 - Attended the FASTRC committee and thought that the process was working.
 - Kent Scheller was nominated to be the representative for the ICHE Selection Committee.
 - Net Promotor score on new SETs: ~~Kat's~~ Dr. Draughon's office wants to remove the net promotor score and questions from the Student Evaluation of Teaching because they now feel that it would not be used the way they thought it should be. It was remarked that it appears that ~~Kat's~~ Dr. Draughon's office feels empowered to remove or add things on the new SETs with or without oversight or consideration of Faculty Senate, and it was remarked that this should be considered unacceptable. (Tacit approval from the Senate Chair should not be viewed as Faculty Senate consideration.)
- Provost's Report:
 - Final budget presentations are March 5th in Indianapolis.
 - In the early stages of the Dean search for Romain College of Business
- Old Business:
 - FASTRC Election for Liberal Arts Representative. Nominated candidates were sent to OPRA last Monday, but they have not run the election. Wes will communicate with them on next Monday, and hopefully they will be able to run the election next week.
- New Business:
 - Belle Cowden and colleagues gave us a presentation about Online Proctoring.
 - Her team has identified an external vendor for proctoring online exams.
 - Fees are proposed to come out of Online Course Fee.
 - Initial adoption planned for Fall 2019, after faculty development in Summer 2019.
 - Motion to endorse their presentation. Passed unanimously.
 - Chad brought forth a question of privilege regarding whether Faculty Senate is following handbook guidelines about being able to invite contract full-time teaching faculty.

- Charge regarding rights of Emeriti Faculty brought forth.
 - Motion to send to Faculty and Academic Affairs was seconded.
 - There is nothing in the Faculty Handbook that discusses the status of Emeritus faculty, so the charge would have to include a description of emeritus faculty.
 - It was mentioned that if we were to recognize our Emeritus faculty, this would go a long way to the maturation of this institution.
 - Unanimously approved.
- Motion made to table the Senate Subcommittee Audit Request. Unanimously approved.
- Prior Learning Assessment Policy charge:
 - The University had not developed a streamlined University policy to assess prior learning. The policy presented to Senate was originally developed by the BPS Council and has been modified with input from other groups around campus.
 - Wes thinks that this policy compares well with peer institutions, and is in some places requires more than many others. Each unit will be able to defend the choices they make.
 - Motion made to send the document to the Faculty and Academic Affairs committee for their review. Wes should be invited to the meeting. We also would like them to request that the Registrar add the DANTES and Excelsior placement tests to their website so people are aware that they can be taken as well as the ones that are listed.
- Agenda building items:
 - Handbook should be cleaned up; charge will be prepared.
 - A charge was sent to modify the age of dependents for the purpose of the tuition reduction benefit for faculty and staff. This charge will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned: 4:06 pm.