Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes
November 29, 2011
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm


Absent or Excused: Thomas Henry, Matthew Holland, Russ Thornley

1. Called to Order 3:02 pm

2. Minutes Approved.

3. VPAA – Ian Wilson: President Holland will take some time at the next Faculty Senate meeting to comment on Senator Urquhart’s article.

4. Policy Committee
   • The Committee met again today. They will present Policy 644 – Appointment and Responsibilities of Department Chairs revisions at the end of January/early February.

5. Information Items
   • Lyn Bennett will email the information for Policies 612 and 637 to John Balden for distribution.
   • Policy 637 – Faculty Tenure will be an action item at the next Faculty Senate.
   • Policy 612 – Course Content Modifications will be an information item on the December 6 agenda. The Policy Committee thinks the Faculty Senate should decide whether or not this policy should exist and if it is in the best interest of faculty. If the Senate recommends that it should not be policy, Ian reminded the committee that it would still be reviewed by other entities for feedback and if the Senate is the only negative body, then it will most likely become a policy.
   • Ian reviewed what the procedures are for university policies. Every entity has an opportunity to weigh in on the policies and can recommend changes and rewording.
   • The committee believes Policy 612 should not be a separate policy from Policy 601 - Classroom Management. If the Senate wants the policy or a portion of it, they need to send it back for serious revisions and recommendations.
   • Ian Wilson asked if perception of the policy by faculty is asking them to change their course content rather than an assignment? Lyn Bennett responded, yes.
Since Policy 612 will be on the agenda for the next Senate meeting, Lyn asked that all senators and faculty read the policy prior to the next meeting. Reading policies ahead of time for discussion requires a culture change for the institution.

6. Committee Member Requests
   • Policy 632 - Advancement in Rank needs to be added to the agenda seeking volunteer requests.

7. Senator Urquhart Response
   • The Ad hoc Committee is to send their proposed response to John Balden by Friday, December 2, for review at the next meeting.
   • President Holland will provide some context at the next Senate meeting.

8. SELT Online Survey
   • Ian Sorensen would appreciate any feedback from faculty that would like to use it. John Balden will send out the link to the entire Senate for feedback.

9. Committee Reports
   • Academic Standards – Thomas Henry - Excused
   • Budget and Benefits – Stan Jenne
     ○ Committee will meet December 14. They will determine if a summary of the health and well-being of the benefit plan can be distributed.
   • Tenure Board of Review – Kim Strunk
     ○ Met with Phil Matheson. Responsibility of her committee is to deal with appeals and policies that deal with Tenure. She still needs two people for the committee – one from SOA and two from CHSS.
   • Curriculum – Russ Thornley - Excused
   • Faculty Development – Ian Sorensen – Excused
   • Personnel and Elections – Elaine Tuft – Nothing to report.
   • Policy – Lyn Bennett
     ○ New policies will be reviewed on Tuesday.
   • Post-Tenure Review – Arlen Card – Nothing to report.
   • Rank and Promotion – Rick Vincent – Nothing to report.
   • Grievance – Pierre Lamarche – Nothing to report.

10. White Paper
    • The Committee has developed a response to the recommendation on multi-year contracts. David Connelly will send it to John Balden.

11. Adjournment

Next Full Senate Meeting: December 6, 2011, 3-5 pm (LC243)
Next Senate Executive Committee Meeting: January 10, 2012, 3-5 pm (LC243)