

Faculty Senate Minutes

November 26, 2013
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm



Present: Jon Anderson, Tyler Brklacich (UVUSA), Debanjan Bhattacharjee, Kathy Black, Mark Bracken, Leo Chan, Alan Clarke, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, David Dean, Lars Eggertson, Doug Gardner, Vance Hillman, John Hunt, Yang Huo, Vessela Ilieva, Jill Jasperson, Ryan Leick, Dan McDonald, Gary Measom, Gary Mercado, David Morin, Tyler Nelson, CheolHwan Oh, Dennis Potter, Jacqueline Preston, Leslie Simon, Nancy Steele-Makasci, Darin Taylor, Russ Thornley, Craig Thulin, Marcus Vincent, Kent Walker, Lorraine Wallace, Ian Wilson, Alex Yuan, Phil Clegg, Shad Sorenson, Jono Andrews

Excused or Absent: Steve Allred, Deborah Baird, Joel Bradford, Clayton Brown, Kat Brown, Monica Campbell, Marty Clayton, Tim Doyle, Matthew Draper, Wioleta Fedeczko, Debora Ferreira, Barry Hallsted, Joel Herd (PACE), Matthew Holland, Ellis Jensen, Mi Ok Kang, Dianne Knight, Rick Moody, Allison Swenson, Machiel VanFrankenjuijsen

Call to order –

Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2013. Minutes approved.

SVPAA – Ian Wilson

- State Revenues are looking up. Governor has indicated he is supportive of Higher Education. He will be on campus on December 4, 2013 to present his budget.
- PBA discussions are underway. Academic Affairs presents on December 2 – 2:00-5:00 pm; December 3 – 1:00-3:00 pm; December 4 – 2:00-5:00 pm in SC 206abc.

UVUSA – Tyler Brklacich

- Proposed a Multicultural Student Council in PBA and asked for \$50,000 in funding. This was part of the platform the current officers ran on and want to be sure diversity is addressed on campus. The scholarships are primarily set apart for the council.

Inclusion Meeting Feedback

- Eggertsen felt the meeting was a good start on addressing inclusion and that several individuals brought up some key points to be considered. Connelly stressed that the current plan is to put everything out on the table now and hope that nothing gets lost in the process.

Policy 511 – *Student Fees*

- Everyone should have received a copy of the comments from the Policy Committee responding to language on transparency.
- Section 5.1.4 – does not indicate when, how or what criteria they establish to evaluate the fees. Concern there will still be no consistency.

- Faculty Senate is looking for what's been allocated and then what has been expended each semester and posted online. Jono Andrews provided a handout to all senators showing a breakdown of the allocation of student fees and general areas that receive the funds. The Senate would like a short breakdown of what each category funds included on the handout. Include clarifications and who to contact for more detailed information. Post online and include it in the welcome/orientation packet.
- Clegg noted that the policy was being created based on Regent's policy.
- Some senators were concerned over the philosophical issue on student's paying for specific buildings and claiming ownership and that this ownership is not reflected in policy.
- UVUSA is trying to educate students on what student government really does and where the funds are allocated.
- **MOTION** – Gary Measom motioned to accept the comments as proposed and amended, and send forward to the steward. Russ Thornley seconded. All in Favor? Motion passed. 2 - Abstentions

Policy 610 – *Credit Hour*

- This is a new policy required by NWCCU defining what a credit hour is and how it is applied to courses. The Curriculum Committee will review and verify courses are in alignment and determine how much credit students will receive for a given course. Workload for courses is determined based on a different formula.
- Hybrid classes were not intended to include lab time. Some senators would like more language regarding hybrid courses.
- Faculty Senate charged the Policy Committee to clarify language in 4.1 and 4.2 regarding class time in a broad sense for students working directly with faculty and Distance Education classes (all delivery modes) and in 5.2 for clarification of the syllabus requirement.

Policy 639 – *Adjunct Faculty (Temporary Emergency)* / Policy 321 – *Employment Classifications and Work Limitations (Temporary Emergency)*

- Both policies have been in emergency status for the last year. They will go before the Board of Trustees next week for an extension to the emergency status. Stewards will attend Faculty Senate in two weeks for discussion.

Lars Eggertsen motioned to adjourn. Mark Bracken seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 10, 2013, LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm