

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 1, 2016, 3:30-5:00
STC Boardroom
Faculty Senators and Administration

- Call to order: (Senators) Megan Chilson, Estee Aiken, Sheila Roberts, Megan Kelly, Bethany Blankenship, Michael Francisconi, Tyler Seacrest, Michael Hengler, Mike Morrow, Fred Chilson, (Student Representative) Delany Hansen, (Provost) Sylvia Moore, (Chancellor) Beth Weatherby

- Fred moves to approve the minutes from January 19, and Michael F seconds. (minutes approved)

Unfinished Business

- Faculty Housing proposal
 - Faculty senate passed a proposal to use existing facilities on campus as housing for visiting faculty. As some of these facilities may becoming available soon, we requested administration formally respond to the proposal and inform us to what extent they will put it into action.

- Website
 - There have been continued concerns, from faculty and others, regarding our ability to keep the website usable and up-to-date.
 - The current plan is to hire a permanent person to be a webmaster and continue to locally develop the website (Beth gives thanks to Chad Beaver for freeing up funds to pursue this)
 - Would the webmaster have other responsibilities other than the website? Yes, but the website would be their main focus.
 - Michael Hengler has researched an alternate plan
 - He contacted OFM Multimedia Labs to get a feel for how an outside firm could help us.
 - \$55,000 for redesigning and unifying the various components of the website in 7-9 months, and \$10,000 a year to keep the website updated.
 - May increase speed of updates and consistency during staff turnover.
 - He will meet with marketing and continue to look into this
 - We may want to look at how other schools solve this quandary. There also might be outside funding available through OCHE or Complete College America.

- The General Education committee will continue to work on implementing speech intensive classes.

- Second reading and vote on curriculum proposals 2-30 (excluding 25 and 26).

- We agree to vote on the CPs as a group after hearing potential concerns.
- Estee called for concerns. No concerns raised.
- Fred moves to approve, Michael F seconds
 - Motion passed unanimously

New Business

- Three faculty members (Eric Wright, Bill Janus, Shane Borrowman) have agreed to lead the effort on the upcoming seven year visit from the NWCCU in March or April of 2017.
- The new commencement speaker will be chosen soon – we recommended someone non-political, someone who speaks to the students, and perhaps someone like the recent convocation speakers.
- Beth is reforming the strategic planning committee to help connect the strategic plan to the budget and to individual department goals. Everyone should know how they are forwarding the goals of the university.
 - Implementing the strategic plan requires working with the entire campus. There will be an all university meeting regarding the budget, the strategic plan, and the general direction of the university.
- Good of the order
 - There was a call for an informal general information meeting among faculty. The purpose of this would be to increase communication, and let departments know what the others are doing. Several ideas were discussed, including a chili cook-off, but no consensus was reached. We will take this idea back to departments and continue to discuss it.
 - Kudos to IT for turning STC 104 into a lab with 25 computers, accommodating the size of most classes on campus.
- Estee moves to adjourn, Shelia seconds. We made like Shaq in a tuxedo and hightailed it out of there.