

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 3:30-5:00
STC Boardroom

- Call to Order -- Dana Cotton, Mike Morrow, Estee Aiken, Julie Bullard, Megan Chilson, Fred Chilson, Eva Mastandrea, Michael Francisconi, Tyler Seacrest
- Approval of Minutes from February 2. Megan moved to approve, Estee seconded. Minutes approved.
- New Business
 - Education is proposing a new Pre-K-to-3rd BS degree. This proposal is a response to a new Pre-K to 3rd grade license.
 - Everyone who teaches a Pre-K class in a public school needs this license, so there will likely be high demand for this degree and license.
 - The state recently received a \$10 million grant, including \$0.5 million in scholarships for this new degree.
 - No new faculty needed for the next year, but we will monitor the demand.
 - We are uniquely positioned to be one of the only schools offering this degree next year.
 - AAC update
 - Dana recommends we continue to monitor the proposed admissions changes that regarding two-year admittance and provisional admittance. The math department will give an update regarding these changes their perspective.
 - First Reading of Curriculum Proposals (CPs)
 - CP 16: This relates to putting the Global Politics HPSS option on moratorium, and deleting these classes from the catalog.
 - CP 18: Giving Essentials of Geology a permanent course number, GEO 109.
 - CP 31 and 32: Diversify Geology Gen Ed offerings
 - CP 33: Biology pre-req change
 - CP 34: New minor to replace Global Politics
 - CP 35: Changes to the English-Secondary Education double major to reflect the changes of CPs 21-30 to the English Major.
 - CP 36: The proposed Pre-K to 3rd grade degree discussed above.
 - CP 37: Removing Math Gen Eds from the catalog that the Math department no longer teaches.
 - It was requested to have more information regarding the changes to Environmental Science classes – ideally a visual showing what classes are being added and what classes are being subtracted.
- Old Business
 - Second Reading of CPs
 - 21-30: These CPs include changes to the structure of the English and Environmental Science majors, a small pre-req change for a biology class, and changing the calculus pre-req on physics/geology classes.

- Estee moved to pass these as discussed, and Michael F seconded. Motion passed (unanimous).
 - Visiting Faculty Housing Proposal
 - We talked about the need for housing for visiting faculty, possible locations, and challenges.
 - Request that Shelia Roberts or other interested parties research what other schools are doing, and then have Susan Briggs talk about the feasibility from a policy / financial perspective.
 - We discussed the need to clarify that our request for a needs assessment was not meant to prescribe any administrative changes. In particular, Faculty Senate is not asking for a dean of faculty.
 - Administrative Review Process
 - President Engstrom requested to receive all reports regarding administrative review, not just the chancellor's report. We developed language for our bylaws to reflect this change. The new language also contains previously discussed changes.
 - Estee moved to approve the changes to the administrative review process, and Megan seconded. Motion passed (HPSS opposed, Fine Arts abstained)
 - Further discussion of the Board of Regents Level II proposal approval process
 - More information about 3 year program plans, how they are currently implemented and how they relate to the proposed policy
 - We will invite Karl to come to speak to this
 - National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)
 - We generally agreed to ask the faculty within our department to promote this survey, possibly including
 - Taking students to the computer lab to fill it out
 - Offering extra credit
 - A request was made to clarify the policy regarding computer lab scheduling
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- Adjourn – Michael moved to adjourn, Estee seconded. We all made like molecules through a cell membrane and actively transported away.