

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 4, 2016, 3:30-5:00
STC Conference Room
Faculty Senators and Administration

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

- Michael F moves to approve minutes, Kurt seconds. Motion passed unanimously

Administrative Communications

- The new provost will be coming to campus in May and June to overlap with Sylvia and Donna and to attend the regents meeting in Havre.
- The administration is applying for a grant to the Lumina foundation, one of the biggest national supporters of higher education.
 - The proposal involves the creation of a Center for Experience One that would support the University mission, support faculty professional development, and be the clearinghouse on Experience One methods, research, and data.
 - Center for Experience One may also include housing for visiting faculty.
 - Formal proposal will be issued this fall.
 - Question: if a center is created to disperse information on Experience One, might this hurt our schools uniqueness and strongest selling point:
 - This information won't be given away for free – it will help bring resources to our campus to make or implementation of Experience One even stronger.
- More on housing for visiting faculty
 - The apartment currently being used by Sylvia will be available for visiting faculty
 - A policy on which departments get to utilize this space will be developed by Sheila and Sylvia.
- Donna's Retirement
 - The current plan is for the new provost to play a large role in rehiring Donna's position.
 - Donna and Sylvia are creating a month-by-month to-do list for the new provost team.

New Business

- Academic calendar
 - Charity asked faculty senate to look it over and note any concerns, and we felt that it looked great and hoped to see it online as soon as possible.
- Curriculum proposals 38 through 43

- Include new HHP classes that diversify physical activity courses and general health and wellness awareness courses without increasing workload.
- An ISSS course needs to be renamed because of transferability requirements.
- The proposal to create a new series of degrees in glass
 - Proposes degrees ranging from one-year certificate to BFA that can be accomplished in succession without losing time
 - None of the fifteen surrounding states have a glass program
 - Includes torch-work and scientific glass blowing
 - Strengthening an arts program benefits the entire school and community
 - Since students at multiple levels can be taught at the same time, it won't require additional instructional resources unless the program is successful and grows.
- The student budget meeting, which addressed the recent faculty cuts, was a well-attended, difficult, three-hour meeting. Not everyone left happy with the reasoning but it was good this much-needed communication took place.

Unfinished Business

- Chairs proposal
 - The chairs have made a proposal defining their roles and requesting additional resources to accomplish those roles.
 - We decided we'd write a short, simple declaration of support of the proposal and request a response from administration.
- ECOS is continuing with the Administrative review process – the survey will go out April 5.
- Good of the order
- Michael F moved to adjourn, and Estee seconded. We made like a picnic lunch and wrapped it up.