

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14, 3:30-5:00
STC Boardroom, Faculty Senators and Administration

Call to Order - Michael Hengler, Michael Morrow, Michael Francisconi, Megan Kelly, Delany Hansen, Tyler Seacrest, Sheila Roberts, Estee Aiken, Megan Chilson, Bethany Blankenship, Sylvia Moore, Susan Briggs

Approve the minutes: Michael Francisconi moves to approve, Estee Aiken seconds. Minutes Approved

New Business

- Classroom temperatures (Susan Briggs)
 - President's climate commitment (to lower carbon emissions) has caused decisions to not air-condition most buildings on campus.
 - Facility services will continue to work with faculty to identify classrooms that are too hot or too cold and apply available remedies (such as improving airflow).
- Dedicated housing for visiting faculty (Susan Briggs)
 - UMW has started giving visiting faculty a living stipend
 - Challenges to creating living quarters for visiting faculty include granting additional taxable benefits, maintenance, and competing proposals for those spaces.
 - Sheila Roberts with assistance from Tyler Seacrest will draft a proposal to establish housing for visiting faculty
- Accreditation (Sylvia Moore)
 - Spring 2017 is the seven-year visit from NWCCU. Anneliese Ripley has put together a handbook that explains everyone's role in preparing for this review.
 - We need to keep doing annual assessment of general education and all the degree programs.
 - Diversity is a challenge on this campus as they compare using national data. Perhaps a multicultural center or Native American center could help.
- Administrative restructuring (Sylvia Moore)
 - This is put on hold until accreditation is over. But we may put

- a layer between provost and faculty to serve the faculty better, such as deans or a dean of faculty.
- Search for the new provost underway – the advertisement for the position will be written soon, and then there will be Skype interviews in February or March, and on campus interviews in March or April.
 - Program Reviews for Academic Budget Efficiencies
 - Efficiency goals include improving enrollment in upper divisional classes and reducing number of classes to graduation. However, this can also be an opportunity to improve programs academically, and diversify the class offerings.
 - More details will be released in an all faculty meeting by the Chancellor in October
 - Megan Chilson as chair of faculty senate will have weekly meetings with the Chancellor
 - Sheila Roberts suggested not doing an administrative review this year. We will discuss this further next meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Curriculum proposal streamline
 - Estee Aiken moved to approve, Michael Francisconi seconds
Motion passed unanimously.

Good of the order / Q & A

Estee Aiken moved to adjourn, Tyler Seacrest seconded. We then left faster than air leaving a Patriots football.