

Faculty Senate Minutes

10/14/2013

Present: Michelle Anderson, Kurt Steadman, Megan Chilson, Jan Winderl, Dana Cotton, Dick Storey, Michael Francisconi, Bill Janus, Seamus Manley, Tyler Seacrest, Shane Borrowman, Eva Mastandrea, and Karl Ulrich

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. The minutes from the past Faculty Senate Meeting were properly approved by a unanimous vote.
3. Bill Janus discussed the International Committee and its desire to be formally recognized as a committee. More information will be forthcoming regarding the structure and selection process of the committee. However, it needs to be decided whether it will be a campus committee or a committee under the direction of Faculty Senate. By next meeting more information should be available to take to the departments for feedback.
4. A discussion regarding the credit hour policy was held. The campus will move forward as it has generally done in the past in that the blocks will always be 17 or 18 days and there will always be a 4 day block break after every block. This can be done so long as no schedule breaks are included in any individual class Syllabus. In the future it does appear that homework and approximate times to do the homework will need to appear in all the syllabi. Also a future discussion may be needed regarding the practice of double blocking.
5. A discussion regarding the need for a speech component in general education classes was held. A definition will be forthcoming and then the departments will need to designate classes in which the speech component will be included. Eventually those course descriptions and catalog will need to be revised.
6. A discussion was held regarding the current technology issues. No timeline is available yet.
7. A discussion was held regarding current curriculum proposals. Many are in the process at the point where the chairs of the departments need to sign them acknowledging receipt. Various proposals will be forthcoming to Faculty Senate soon.
8. Dick gave the administration's update. Five hundred thousand dollars needs to be raised for Main Hall. Fifty thousand has been raised so far. Ideas are being circulated such as a plaza that can be named for a price. Also student enrollment statistics were discussed. The University is down 56 students from last year. Also it was mentioned that President Engstrom will be here tomorrow.
9. A discussion was held regarding the Campus Assessment Committee. A vote was properly taken. Sean Eudaily, Delena Norris-Tull and Judy Ulrich were voted to be the committee members. Michael, Kurt, Michelle, Shane, Eva, Tyler all in favor. Megan and Dana abstained.
10. The meeting was properly adjourned.