

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 17, 2016, 3:30-5:00
STC Board Room
Faculty Senators & Administration

- Call to order: Megan Chilson, Erin Zavitz, Megan Kelly, Deb Hedeem, Delaney Hansen, Nicole Hazelbaker, Ashley Carlson, Tyler Seacrest, Linda Lyon, Beth Weatherby, Fred Chilson, Karl Ulrich, Michael Hengler, Jack Kirkley, Laura Straus
- Fred moves to approve, Erin seconds, motion passes.
- Faculty Forum
 - November 9, 3:30
 - This event will be an informational meeting regarding issues important to faculty. Topics may include program prioritization, enrollment, student evaluations, and accreditation.
 - Will start with a 30-minute overview, and then time for questions and feedback.
 - Agenda will be sent out in advance
- Program Prioritization
 - Deb Hedeem, Megan Chilson, Susan Briggs, and Delaney Hansen attended a workshop on Program Prioritization at the University of Montana.
 - Main speaker was Robert Dickeson (an expert at program prioritization), and also guests from colleges Boise State and University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.
 - This is not a top-down process for cutting programs and people. Instead, it is a campus-wide inclusive and data driven process to do things better, more transparently, and more efficiently.
 - Can be used to avoid top-down cuts of programs and people in the future
 - It's possible that Program Prioritization may be mandated by the Board of Regents in the year future.
 - One of Dickeson's suggestions was to look at limiting the percentage of faculty that are tenure track. The question was raised that this could very negatively impact the University.
 - Beth assured us that the University is committed to quality.
 - The process is tailored to the institution – we don't have to follow all of Dickeson's suggestions.
- Enrollment Update
 - The current headcount is 1501.
 - The number 1500 has been kicked around as a possible upper limit to the number of students we can have on campus. Are we at capacity?
 - No – the 1501 number includes dual credit, off campus, and other student groups.

- Retention is up and down, but the 6-year completion rate for bachelors is a good number.
- Since enrollment exceeded projections, there may be some one-time funds at the end of the year that may be used to increase our reserves.
- Grade Appeal Procedure
 - We talked over our suggestions with Nicole Hazelbaker.
 - Change the title to “Final Grade Appeal Procedure”
 - Use University Court instead of a Grade Appeals Committee.
 - Completely take out the paragraph regarding the faculty association.
 - Nicole will supply a clean copy and we will vote on this next time.
- Academic Discipline Procedures
 - We talked over our suggestions with Nicole.
 - Remove reference to “first time” offenses.
 - Nicole will look into whether faculty can assign an “N” grade as referenced in these procedures.
 - Last time we had a question regarding who sees academic misconduct reports filed on Maxient
 - Nicole and Mike Piazzola have full access to all the reports, but Mike is not sent and does not look at the academic reports. Nicole receives the reports, informs the Provost, and takes appropriate actions. Title nine coordinators also have limited access, and the athletic director is also informed when reports are filed but does not have direct access to the reports.
 - Nicole will supply a clean copy and we will vote on this next time.
 - Nicole was also wondering if we wanted to proceed with plagiarism trainings through the learning center. We’ll also vote on this next time.
- Good of the order
 - Big thanks to Delaney for a successful homecoming celebration
- Megan Kelly seconds. Fred moves to adjourn. Causality is violated and the universe explodes.