

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 3:30-5:00
STC Board Room
Faculty Senators

- Call to order: Megan Chilson, Erin Zavitz, Michael Hengler, Megan Kelly, Ashley Carlson, Laura Straus, Anneliese Ripley, Linda Lyon, Tyler Seacrest, Karl Ulrich, Fred Chilson, Delany Hansen.

- Changes in Summer School
 - Anneliese and the administration are moving forward with a change in summer school scheduling.
 - Instead of the current schedule of A, B, and C blocks with stringers taking up two or three of those, there instead would just be two possibilities
 - a 10-week summer session for online courses, and
 - the X-block: a 4-week ExperienceOne block for innovative face-to-face classes.
 - More on the X-block
 - It would be separate from a bridge program.
 - In addition to our own students, it would hope to attract early college high school students, students who return to Dillon from other places.
 - It does not have to be field based – developmental math, for example, might be a part of it.
 - Anneliese will continue to be welcome to feedback as the process moves forward.

- Agenda items regarding Academic Discipline and grade appeal procedures will be moved to the next meeting.

- Department Pilot Program
 - This refers to the list of duties and authority of academic department chairs, as well as the compensation for taking on those duties. It is a pilot since the duties or compensation could change over the next few years.
 - There was a debate regarding the “authority” part of the list, and what authority the chairs needed and wanted.
 - The chairs, by language of the CBA, should not have any direct authority over other faculty.
 - We recommended that further language be added detailing exactly the nature of the authorities granted.

- Curriculum Proposal Change
 - The Board of Regents has changed the curriculum proposal approval process. Level II changes will now require a new form with additional questions.
 - We may change our form to match the new BoR form to streamline the curriculum proposal process. Megan, Karl, and time permitting, Michael will draft the new UMW form.

- New degrees or new programs now require an Intent to Plan form which is to be filed three years prior to the program start date.
 - We discussed that three years seems like an unrealistic time frame. Are there exceptions to the three-year rule? If so, what are the rules governing such exceptions?
- Review of Committees on campus
 - The Provost wants to go ahead and have all campus committees review their responsibilities, and see if we can be more efficient with the committee structure. This may include disbanding or combining committees.
- Good of the order
 - If anyone needs community service hours, there will be a trails summit on September 17, and they need help setting up in Jaycee park starting at 10am. Contact Megan.
- Tyler moves to adjourn, Fred seconds. We then left to destroy the One Ring in the fires beneath Mount Doom. Or we were, rather, until we realized the “heroic journey” fund had been reallocated. Maybe next year.