Faculty Senate Minutes

Time and Date: 2:00pm – March 12, 2015 - Thursday

Senators Present:

Business & Information Technology -  
Arlene Hayes  
Janelle Montgomery  
Kristen Wolfe  

Engineering Science -  
Amy Hurst  
Bill Wilson  

Humanities -  
Angie Keneda  
Emily Robinson  
Reginald Snoddy  

Social Sciences -  
Joe Campbell  
Kim Queri  

Health Sciences -  
Brenda Lomas  
Shelley Mitchell  

Adjunct-  
Amy Padgett-McCue  

Call to Order: Amy Hurst called the meeting of March 12, 2015 to order at 2:09pm.

Approval of Minutes: Kristen Wolfè motioned to approve the February meeting minutes, the motion was seconded by Joe Campbell, there was no opposition - minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Emily Robinson reported that the balance of funds for the Faculty Senate is $5819.55.

Committee Reports:

1. Discussion and possible action related to committees.
   - Amy Hurst reported, the salary committee met to try to craft the salary survey and a new survey will be coming out soon.

Old Business:

1. March meeting with Dr. Webb set for Wednesday, March 25th at 2:30pm
   - The meeting is Wednesday, March 25th or Thursday, March 26th at 2:30pm, Amy Hurst will check and confirm time and date.

2. Update and discussion on action regarding scheduling
   - Amy Hurst reported that the scheduling committee is not a formal committee, it as an informal gathering of deans, associate deans and advisors.
   - Amy suggested that when she meets with Dr. Hendrix after spring break, she will ask if it needs to be a formal committee or for suggestions of how to be included in their conversation.
New Business:

1. Discussion and possible action related to tenure process and handling of tenure committees.
   - Amy Hurst stated that Dr. Hendrix wants feedback from the faculty on tenure and tenure committees.
   - The issue with tenure is, there is no continuity among divisions. Some divisions select the head of the tenure committee with non-tenured faculty present, does this need to change?
   - The suggestion was made that perhaps we come up with a rubric to help faculty evaluate faculty during the tenure process, so it becomes more about what a faculty member has accomplished and less about who likes who.
   - Kim Queri suggested that we have a list or checklist. We need to create a document from the Policies and Procedures manual to guide the process.

2. Discussion and possible action related to college including one faculty member from each division in budget subcommittees as the budget is crafted for the next fiscal year.
   - Amy Hurst suggested that we do not currently have any representation on the committee.
   - Several members questioned who is on the committee and what is it a subcommittee of?
   - Amy explained that Craig Dawkins, while on the Salary Committee, was looking up a lot of budget information and found the process lacked transparency.
   - Amy Hurst further explained that the school is required by state law to have 8.3% of its total budget in reserve for emergencies and Rose State is holding 11 to 12 percent. Craig Dawkins point is, couldn’t that additional money go to improving salaries? He wants more transparency.

3. Discussion and possible action related as it relates to the removal of motorcycle parking from the faculty lot outside social sciences and relocate motorcycle parking to student lot.
   - Joe Campbell suggested that a member of the Social Sciences division would like for the motorcycle parking to be moved and the area restrriped faculty parking.
   - The request needs to be made to Artie Rogers.
   - Joe Campbell made a motion to move the motorcycle parking in front of the Social Sciences building moved and restrriped faculty, Kim Queri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Call to Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn at 2:36pm, the motion was seconded and all were in favor.