Faculty Senate Minutes

Time and Date: 2:30 pm – March 6, 2014 - Thursday

Senators Present:

Business & Information Technology -

Craig Dawkins
Kristen Wolfe

Engineering Science -

Amy Hurst

Humanities -

Reginald Snoddy
Sherri Mussatto

Social Sciences -

Misty Engelbrecht
James Hochtritt
Joe Campbell

Health Sciences -

Elizabeth Koldoff

Call to Order: Craig Dawkins called the meeting of March 6, 2014, to order at 2:30.

Approval of Minutes

Treasurers Report: The current balance remains at $5908.50.

Committee Reports:

1. Discussion and possible action related to committees.
   a. LRC Renovation Committee: This committee met on March 5th. Craig Dawkins reported that there has been talk of demolishing the Lecture Hall. Also, the LRC project may be more of a re-model than an expansion. A third floor probably will not be added.
   b. Assessment: The assessment meeting this month was cancelled, so there is no news to report.

Old Business:

1. Faculty development points for conferences:
   • Dr. Caldwell said that he might consider a .4 CEU credit for faculty if they attend a conference, write up a proposal addressing the conference topic for a 2 hour FDEV session or brown bag “lunch and learn” regarding the topic learned at the conference, and present that topic. It could be offered in partnership with another faculty member who attended.
2. Leadership Assessment for 2014:
   • Craig Dawkins reported that he has not gotten any input about deleting or revising questions for the Leadership Assessment Survey yet but wants to get some feedback before proceeding.
   • Kristen Wolfe suggested the addition of an “Other Issues” category for any general questions that do not apply specifically to any particular vice president.
   • Craig Dawkins requested that any further suggestions be sent to him by Monday, March 10th.

New Business:

1. Discussion and possible action related to the Testing Center being expanded to serve all testing not just make up and distance learning courses:
   • After some discussion, the faculty senate came to a consensus that all testing should be done at one location.
   • One of the concerns about this decision included the fact that because placement testing is directly connected to enrollment, they should be located in the same building. Also, concerns were voiced about who would be in charge and if there would need to be changes in job descriptions.

2. Discussion and possible action related to technology fees (electronic media fee of $12.00 per hour) associated with telecourse and distance learning classes. – Ken Dewey
   • The Planning Council will discuss this issue and make a recommendation.

3. Discussion and possible action related to the use of leadership students for the purpose of helping students find their classes the first two weeks of each semester. – Misty Engelbrecht
   • Misty Engelbrecht gave us information on what Johnson County Community College in Kansas is doing to make early connections with students. “Participating employees commit to calling entering students the week before classes begin and to wearing a special T-shirt while greeting students for at least the first two class days.” Engelbrecht said that leadership students as well as volunteer faculty members could take part in this type of program at Rose State.
   • After some discussion of this issue, Craig Dawkins made a motion to use leadership students to assist students the first two weeks of the semester. Reginald Snoddy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action related to eliminating the limitation of full time faculty teaching 7 course sections in the P&P.
   • This item was discussed at length. Last month Craig Dawkins sent out a survey to faculty about this issue, and although most were in favor, it was not unanimous.
   • Craig Dawkins expressed concern about our faculty teaching at other colleges instead of being able to take more classes here. Jim Hochtritt agreed saying that we should do what it takes to keep our faculty here.
   • One of the concerns expressed was that quality of job performance might be an issue if a professor is teaching too many classes.
   • Another concern was that the perception may be that the regular load of 15 credit hours may be raised.
   • A recommendation was made to talk about this issue with Dr. Webb.
5. Discussion and possible action related to customer service audits using “secret shoppers.” – Jim Hester
   - Hester is concerned about the unfriendly responses given to some students from both faculty and staff.
   - The consensus of the senators was that addressing this issue should be up to direct supervisors.
   - No action was taken.

**Call to Adjourn:** Amy Hurst made a motion to adjourn at 3:30. Joe Campbell seconded the motion, and all were in favor.