Faculty Senate Minutes

Time and Date: 2:30 pm – April 2, 2014 - Wednesday

Senators Present:

Business & Information Technology - Craig Dawkins
Kristen Wolfe
Larry Barrett
Donna Wilson

Engineering Science - Amy Hurst

Humanities - Reginald Snoddy
Sherri Mussatto
Emily Robinson

Social Sciences - Misty Engelbrecht
Monique Bruner

Health Sciences - Kara Hodges

Guest- Lisa Didonato

Call to Order: Craig Dawkins called the meeting of April 2, 2014, to order at 2:35.

Approval of Minutes Kristen Wolfe moved to approve the March minutes. Amy Hurst seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Treasurers Report: No report at this time.

Committee Reports:

1. Discussion and possible action related to committees.
   a. Planning Council: A plan has been forwarded to President Webb concerning determination of class size among the divisions. Dawkins said that class size should be up to the division dean instead of Academic Affairs.
   b. Faculty Advisory Council at the State Level: Dawkins reported that the state regents have not looked at general education requirements since 1994, which is a cause for concern.

Old Business:

1. Leadership Assessment for 2014:
   • Craig Dawkins reported that forty people have completed the Leadership Assessment Survey.
New Business:

1. Discussion and nominations related to new officers and senate members for next year:
   - Craig Dawkins advised the faculty senate to get the new slate of officers going by the third week of April.
   - Kristen Wolfe volunteered to be the Parliamentarian, and Emily Robinson volunteered to be the treasurer for the next academic year.

2. Resolutions regarding guns on campus – Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education
   - There will be two different resolutions regarding guns on campus.
   - The first resolution described the wishes of the Faculty Senate regarding gun possession policies at Rose State College.
   - Amy Hurst offered amended language for the first resolutions, and after some discussion of the wording, Emily Robinson made a motion to adopt the amended language of the first resolution. Monique Bruner seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Craig Dawkins did not support the motion and cast a dissenting vote.
   - Craig Dawkins offered a second resolution concerning guns on campus. The point of the second resolution was to give Rose State College the ability establish its own weapons’ policies instead of falling under the control of the legislature, based on HB2887.
   - The language of House Bill 2887 was distributed to the members and states that colleges can establish their own weapons policies and it grants legal immunity to colleges for establishing local weapons’ policies.
   - Dawkins said that because Rose State has a new program for counter-terrorism, he wants Rose State to have its own policy. Therefore, this second resolution is in support of HB 2887.
   - Kristen Wolfe made a motion to approve this second resolution. Donna Wilson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

3. Discussion related to the newly revised textbook language proposed to Dr. Webb in November 2013 – Dianne Krob.
   - Diane Krob suggested that the wording proposed for the Policies and Procedures Manual needed revision, but after a short discussion, it was decided to leave the wording as is.
   - Monique Bruner made a motion to strike C. In November the faculty senate revised C. The minutes from November state, “Under the section titled Adjunct Professors, add ‘unless special permission is granted by the division dean’ to the end of the sentence.”
   - Donna Wilson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

4. Discussion related to “face time” student hours including office hours that all the divisions have. What adjustments, if any, have been implemented for/by faculty who teach online? As more course content is delivered online, and the amount of e-mail, discussions, and texting that occurs with students increases, could office hours be decreased? – Elizabeth Koldoff
   - Monique Bruner offered that office hours are for more than meeting with students. It is also a time to work with colleagues. Also, with the limited budget, it is not a good idea to ask for a reduction in office hours.
• Dawkins recommended that we generalize this discussion to explore possible changes to
summer office hours and special compensation for online teaching.
• This issue will be brought to Dr. Webb.

5. Discussion related to staffing FTE and salary and benefit comparisons with colleges statewide.

• No action taken

Call to Adjourn: Amy Hurst made a motion to adjourn at 3:47. Monique Bruner seconded the motion, and
all were in favor.