Senators Present:
Business & Information Technology - Stacie Mayes
Engineering Science - Leanne May
Dan Ratcliff
Chuang Shao
Health Science - Kim Robberson
Humanities - Chris Knox
Dianne Krob
Sherri Mussatto
Social Science - Kathy Carey
James Hochtritt
Debbie Lynch
Pam Danker, Adjunct Faculty Representative

Call to Order: Meeting of September 14, 2011 called to order at 4:00 pm.

Special Issue: Meeting times and dates: A change in our meeting time and date was discussed. A motion was made to change our meeting times to 3:15 to 4:15 the second Wednesday of every month. The motion was seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve April 13, 2011 minutes.

Treasurer’s Report: Beginning Balance: May 2011 $4786.10
Add: Deposits from Faculty Dues $920.00
Less: Returns ($10.00)
Ending Balance: August 2011 $5,696.10

Committee Reports:

1. Filling of Committees: In order to fill committees, a sign-up sheet was passed to Faculty Senators so they could make their selections.

2. Sign-up to attend Regents’ meeting: A sheet was passed for Faculty Senators to sign-up for Regents’ meetings. Additional Regents’ meeting dates will be procured by Kathy Carey and presented during the next meeting.


- 414 first-time students did not return to RSC this semester. 1,000 UCO math division students are now gone, causing a $1M drain. Somehow, we need to find 1,000 students to make up the loss.
- Overall decline in RSC student population—6%. (Tulsa is down 5-6%.)
- 74.7% of RSC students are on financial aid; recent changes in financial aid requirements will make it tougher for students, not just ours but nationwide.
- 50% of all first-time students go elsewhere after the first semester at RSC. Why? Possible answers are loss of financial aid, getting a job, etc. It’s up to faculty to promote recruitment and retention.
- Keith Ogens reported that RSC has $8M in reserve, but plans are underway for a major upgrade to People Soft. The system is reaching the end of its “life span” and requires total upgrade. $3-4M is needed for this 9mo. – 1 yr. project, which will begin in January.
- Dr. Webb reported that 862 people attended family orientation/enrollment day at Rose. This is the biggest success ever for this event.
Old Business:

1. Kathy Carey delivered an update about the meeting she attended concerning students’ art being displayed on campus. Kathy met with Lisa Pitsiri and others, and two separate issues were discussed: the installlation of art to be displayed on the LRC staircase, which will involve a grant, as well as the Faculty Senate’s initiative to display student art. Collaborative efforts will be undertaken to further the development of the Faculty Senate’s initiative. Pitsiri will send a follow-up email to state the highlights of the meeting. Kathy Carey stated that she would like to have the plan underway by spring.

2. Updating of Faculty Association/Senate site, including officers, meeting schedule, minutes, etc. was discussed. Kathy Carey plans to meet with Ken Roper to begin the process of updates.

New Business:

1. Adding a statement to the standard syllabus concerning the Administrative Withdrawal: The potential of adding a statement to the standard syllabus concerning the Administrative Withdrawal policy based on non-attendance within the first two weeks of class was discussed. It was stated that if this statement is included in the syllabus, students may be less reactive when realizing that they have been removed from the class. Other Faculty Senate members thought that adding the Administrative Withdrawal policy to the schedule bill might be advantageous. Leanne May will research the policy and procedure manual for further information and report her findings during the next meeting. A motion was made to table this issue until the next meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. Support of faculty-driven initiatives by other faculty members: Kathy Carey requested that we discuss the support of faculty-driven initiatives such as Great Lectures, the Abraham Lincoln series, Constitution Day, and others. She would like to see more participation by faculty members.

3. Placing solid walls between rooms that have inadequate temporary walls: James Hochtritt suggested that we discuss placing a solid wall between rooms that have temporary walls in the Social Sciences building. It is his contention that noise from the other class interferes with students’ concentration and learning. A motion was made for the college to consider looking at the temporary wall in Social Sciences, Humanities, and other divisions, and to consider either better quality temporary wall or walls that are permanent. The motion was seconded and carried. Taking this issue to Dr. Britton was suggested.

Call to Adjourn:

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Chris E. Knox, Faculty Senate Secretary