

Faculty Senate Meeting
September 8, 2008
5:15 p.m.

Faculty Senators NOT present:

Jeff Looper – A/C, Don Birchum – APT, Jean Norwood – CA, Don Sharp – CMT,
Brenda Niekamp – DA, Linda Martin – ECR, Patti Tate – EHS, Mark Schneider –
FST., Jerome Mendias - IME, Linda Melendez – Phar

Meeting called to order - Richard Wheet

Approved August minutes

Officer Reports

Treasurer (Steve Betros) – The Faculty Senate currently has \$1000.00 budgeted for travel, but with the mandated travel for Leadership Alliance it was increased to \$1500 (motion made and approved)

Committee reports

None

Pres Cabinet Update

- SGA updates
- Alexis Neuman – Scholarship donations going up but coming with students
- Providence luncheon and style show – have to have new people not the same ones as last year.
- Paul Woodfin (VP Finance) – Requested creative ideas for being more efficient and ways to save money. He wants to tie money given to person with idea and to amount of savings.
- COP for student meal plan follows SOS by BOR – students complaining about money spent from account was either too much or not enough
 - Question from Faculty Senator about COP 4.4, Credit by Examination – Richard stated that it was rescinded and we will use the SOS instead.
- Travel contracted exemption form has been updated.

- TSTC – Waco Committee assignments – representative appointed by the Faculty Senate for the facilities committee will be labeled as such on the assignment list. The Faculty Senate academic chair will be placed on the curriculum committee by position. The library committee needs a replacement for Chris Peralis who has retired. Richard left it open for nominations or submissions. Email him.

Old Business

- BBQ – Went well. We even had potato salad and dessert. A thanks to Steve Betros for organizing it. Ordered 250 plates this year, probably should reduce to 200 plates next year. Went with Eddie Rays this year – positive reaction. It was suggested that we possibly look at other date than first day of classes for the next Annual BBQ.
- Follow up on Pres Stuckly presentation – other campuses using his presentation as their presentation. His presentation to the Faculty Senate at the called meeting was appreciated and helpful in clearing up some of the concerns. Send any follow up questions to Richard and he will forward them to Elton.

New Business

- Faculty Senate Elections
 - According to bylaws Faculty Senate are chairs elected through a vote of Faculty Senate at the first meeting of the academic year.
 - Academic Chair nominations – Dale Bullock – Seconded, no other nominations, no discussion, elected, unanimous.
 - Ombudsman nominations – Ben Matus – Seconded, no other nominations, no discussion, elected, unanimous.
 - Personnel Chair nominations – Steve Moss – Seconded, no other nominations, no discussion, elected, unanimous
 - Election of a new Faculty Senate Secretary to replace Todd Ewing (who went over to the dark side). By the bylaws, this is determined by an election of the Faculty Senate. – Jimmy Summers nominated – seconded, no other nominations, no discussion, elected, unanimous.
 - Election of a Parliamentarian since there is no former Faculty Senate president available to hold the position – George Wilhite was nominated – served as last year Parliamentian when he replaced Tom Dean who resigned - seconded, no discussion, elected, unanimous.

- New Faculty Senate officers for the 2008 Academic year as elected by the faculty in the general election in April.
 - President – Richard Wheet
 - Treasurer – Steve Betros
 - Secretary – open due to going over to the dark side
- Discussion about those departments who do not participate in the Faculty Senate. An email was sent to each faculty member in the departments in question about their department not having representation. The following representatives and/or departments have not participated for the last 9 months.
 - CMT – Don Sharp, ECR– Linda Martin, Brenda Niekamp – DA, Jeff Looper – ACT.

Motion was made to omit them from active membership in the Faculty Senate and they will no longer be counted as part of the quorum. Upon these departments starting to send a representative on a regular basis, they are considered inactive– seconded, approved.

Question – 9 month faculty as representatives but not here in summer. Answer - if no substitutes can be found, the department can be considered inactive during summer if the Faculty Senate is notified that this situation has occurred.

- DC stipend – uses a new method of compensation – did not tell anyone before contract letters went out and figures changed. Stipend for DC increased from 200.00 to 400.00 per month. ADC doubled from 100.00 to 200.00. New method not published. The Faculty Senate believes that a compromise should be made whereas to grandfather DC who were getting a dual stipend for a second department should at least continue to get that \$100 until either they no longer have two departments or step down as DC. Ron rejected any compromise and state the new policy stands.
- There were some concerns about instructional division administration – e-mail Richard with any problems or comments

No other items or comments

Motion to adjourn – seconded and approved

Meeting ended 5:55p.m.