



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes January 13, 2016

I. Call to Order

Kari Arnoldsen, President Faculty Senate, called to order the regular meeting of the Faculty Senate at 3:35 pm on January 13, 2016 in the Lorenzo and Erastus Snow Conference Room.

II. Roll Call

Members of the Senate Present: Kari Arnoldsen, Lisa Anderson, Ted Olson, Alan Palmer, Jonathan Bodrero, Milinda Weeks, Erick Faatz, Nick Marsing, Danni Larsen, and Kayla Christensen. Steve Hood also attended the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 11, 2015 were approved as read. Ted Olson made a motion to approve the minutes with Alan Palmer providing the second. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

IV. Open Issues and Committee Reports

Kari Arnoldsen discussed the subcommittee assignments to make sure that all members of the Senate could still participate on the respective committees this semester. The committee assignments will remain the same as last semester.

Committee reports were then presented from all committees that had met since last Senate meeting.

Benefits – Ted Olson. The ad hoc Compensation Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on January 21, 2016. Compensation data from the payroll service will be available for review at that time.

Global Engagement – Danni Larsen. Bill Jensen is the chair of this committee and is doing a fine job. Plans are underway to review the policies and guidelines for the Global Engagement committee.

Student Leadership – Kayla Christensen reported that there are five new members of the Student Body Association this semester so things have really been busy. Caden Birch is now serving as the SBA President.

Honors – Jonathan Bodrero. Rachel Keller is out on maternity leave. A review of the Bylaws is currently underway.

Teaching and Technology – Lisa Anderson. The first meeting of the semester is scheduled for next week.

Service Learning – Milinda Weeks. This committee is meeting today. A new service learning coordinator has been hired for the College. English Brooks is chair now



and a new chair will be selected for next semester. Policies being reviewed and revised as needed.

Professional Track – Alan Palmer. This committee met and determined individual assignments. The committee will look at how other colleges handle professional track issues.

Faculty Development – Nick Marsing. This committee has met this semester. Committee still wants to hold the conference with high school teachers. The specific details of this conference are being finalized. A campus read topic for next year needs to be identified.

Advancement and Tenure – Kari Arnoldsen. MFA is now recognized as a terminal degree. Those individuals with an MFA may now apply for advancement and tenure. There may be two or three this semester.

Steve Hood led a discussion on the academic calendar and the scheduling of spring break as well as the semester starting and ending dates. The Dean's Council sets the calendar and the College Council approves the schedule. There was also a discussion on continuing to have Maymester and the length of the Christmas break. There should be 71-72 instruction days in each semester.

A discussion on the method of administering student evaluations followed. A Scantron system is being considered to facilitate having evaluations done in class as opposed to students submitting evaluations through Canvas. The number of evaluations received through the electronic system is substantially lower and of less value than those submitted in class.

Kari Arnoldsen then reviewed the status of the at-large faculty members serving on College Council and reminded the members of the Senate of the need to move forward to have these faculty representatives serve for three-year terms. To allow for overlap in terms it was determined that there will be an election held to replace one of the current members. Kari will write up a summary of how this will be accomplished in the most efficient manner.

The issue of who should represent the Adjunct faculty was reviewed. The members of the Senate will select the representative from the adjunct names submitted by each Division. After some discussion it was determined that either Brian Stucki or Katie Justesen would be asked to serve as the adjunct representative. A final decision will be made at the next Senate meeting.

There being no further discussion a motion was made by Nick Marsing and seconded by Kari Arnoldsen and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting is Wednesday, January 27, 2016 in the Lorenzo and Erastus Snow Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ann Walker, CPS