

FACULTY SENATE
September 5, 2006
3 - 5 pm

Present: Marcy Alancraig, Rebecca Arnesty, Arturo Cantu, Jennifer Cass, Virginia Coe, James Durland, Mark Eastman, Paul Harvell, Steve Hodges, Susan Hoisington, Sue Holt, Janis Keyser, Dorothy Nunn, Rory O'Brien, Adela Najarro, Dave Reynolds, Georg Romero, Dan Rothwell, Deborah Shulman, Topsy Smalley
Dave Reynolds, Mark Eastman

Liaison: Dale Attias, Renee Kilmer, John Govsky

Guest: David Sheftman

1.0 Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 3:07pm.

2.0 Minutes

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of August 22, 2006, without corrections.

3.0 President's Report – Rory O'Brien

Sue Holt (minutes taker) will be resigning from the senate this semester due to a schedule conflict – so we need a minute taker. We can hire a classified staff member to take minutes like we have done in the past or have a senate member volunteer. We need a secretary and a note taker. Sue has indicated that she will be back in the Spring semester. Perhaps we will appoint an interim secretary. The executive committee will take this issue up before the next meeting. Senators should make suggestions if they know a good person for the position.

Also, a faculty member is needed for the Student Discipline Committee, Rory will send out an all-faculty email if a senate member doesn't know of a good candidate. This committee meets on an as-needed basis. Paul mentioned that we have about twenty new faculty that will be needing new "institutional obligations."

Constitution Day, Wednesday, September 20, 3:00-4:30pm in the Sesnon house. Brian King will make the opening comments.

Census reports are due on the 11th, please urge your colleagues to get them turned in on time. Faculty senators report that the pilot Faculty Web Advisor system is working well for them so far. If you are using the system, please take the time to forward your comments to Marcie.

We are planning a wine tasting event for the end of our next meeting. At the next meeting Mary P., Director of Marketing and communication, will be giving a presentation.

The proposed 2007-2008 Academic Calendar was discussed. Mark Eastman asked about Monday-Tuesday holiday blocks instead of Friday-Monday blocks for MWF classes. Renee remarked about some unmovable holidays and the impact on MTWTh classes. The feel of the senate was that this year's (starting before Labor day) schedule was preferable to the "turn in grades after Christmas" calendar.

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed 2007-2008 calendar. The calendar was approved.

4.0 Liaison Reports

4.1 SEIU Report – Dale Attias

Dale announced that SEIU is exploring the decertification issue. (perhaps made possible by the AFL/CIO split) options away from (card campaign in March) going to CFT?. This may be a contentious issue. The Faculty will be supportive of our staff members. We can invite CCFI council to come and talk to us about this issue

4.2 Student Senate

There is not currently a Student Senate representative.

5.0 Information Items

5.1 Special Presentation – David Sheftman

David showed a video DVD about the journalism program that had been produced as part of a VATEA grant.

5.1 Instructional Report on Initiatives and Accomplishments – Renee Kilmer

Renee delivered a handout detailing project and initiatives started in the last year by the senate or instruction council that relate to the faculty as well as relevant institutional projects. The purpose of this report is to keep the faculty informed and involved in ongoing projects. There was some discussion about smart classrooms—the project is still in testing phases for now, but any rollout is delayed or stalled. The accreditation process will be added to the list of projects. CLARUS research took place in the Spring and there was a preliminary presentation. The final report has been delivered in two volumes and is electronically published and available on the campus network. The latest report on enrollment is “down .97%.” (A few weeks before the start of the semester we were down over 8%) Historically, there is a large enrollment taking place in the two weeks before the semester. Rick and Judy will be creating a brief, one-page, survey targeted towards students who “late-enrolled.” Work continues on a “Leadership Institute”—it’s in the planning stages. One proposal is to use some of the Fall flex week for workshops. There will be a presentation to the senate in the future. The faculty senate appreciated the report.

5.2 By-Laws Changes – Paul Harvell

Paul has been reviewing the by-laws and there is quite a bit of cleanup needed—enough to cover several actions and communication with our subcommittees will be needed. Paul delivered a summary of some of the sections that will need to be reviewed. We will begin with the section on election procedures at the next meeting.

6.0 Agenda Building

Mary will have about an hour at the next meeting for an impressive presentation. The EMTF may deliver a report next time. We will talk about the Faculty Hiring Priority Process and the Bylaws at the next meeting.

7.0 Items from the Floor

The senate recognized and honored the extensive contributions of Dick Griffiths to the faculty senate and the college community.

8.0 Adjournment

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn at 4:50 pm.