

## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2011

### Attendees:

President: Pat Wurth

Elaine Nagelson

Vice President: George Meghabghab

Secretary: Marianna Mabry

TBR Sub-council Rep.:

### Humanities

Brenda Luggie

Sammie Mowery

Peggy Hilliard

Bryan Wilkerson

### Math Science:

Joye Gowan

Eric Bouldin

### Allied Health:

Gary Genna

Teri Gergen

Karen Feltner

Kurt Backstrom

### Social Science/Business and Education

Don Lanza

Val Herd

Betty Glenn

Dan Hyder( alternate)

### Nursing:

Patricia Jenkins

Marcia Sloush

### Library:

Ollie Nolan

- 1. Quorum was established**
2. Pat Wurth called the meeting to order.
3. The minutes from last month's meeting were unable to be reviewed by the senate and it was determined we would submit and approve the minutes in an online format.
4. Pat Wurth advised the senate that as of yet there had be no response from Dr. Goff regarding the key situation, security concerns and the defibrillator.
5. Pat Wurth then reported on her attendance at a College Completion Academy. New funding from TBR will now be based on number of graduates as opposed to enrollment. Pat Wurth attended a workshop with 7 other representatives from RSCC. The topic of the academy was how to get students and retain them through graduation. The current objective is to make the undecided student choose a major. This strategy would include intrusive advising. It would also include analyzing transcripts of current students and awarding degrees if they already exist. Pat informed the faculty there would be a mandatory workshop for faculty and staff in January regarding the completion academy. There was also mention of the Allied Health Science and Nursing "wannabees." Pat advised the senate the workshop group discussed making those candidates who don't get into the AHS/ Nursing programs choose a different education path. A lively discussion followed. Faculty vocalized concerns over a reduction in academic standard in order to increase the graduation rate. One member raised the question of what the targeted

completion rate would be for RSCC. Another member expressed interest and concern over how advisees are assigned to faculty and the need for an equal distribution of advisee to faculty.

George Meghabghab suggested inviting the President to the next faculty meeting to discuss the RSCC path towards increasing graduation numbers. It was suggested the notes from the College Completion Academy be shared with all faculty.

6. A complaint arose from a negative comment made about a faculty member on a gen. ed. student survey response. The anonymity of the faculty member was honored. There was concern the comments from these surveys could still be viable in some form. Pat assured the senate these forms were shredded and will not appear in any report.
7. The constitution committee has met but there was no report as Don Wyndham was not present.
8. The syllabus committee is still a work in progress. The committee has collected syllabi samples and is reviewing them to make recommendations to the senate for a final template.
9. George Meghabghab suggested a security committee be formed to report and maintain a statistical database regarding campus infractions. He expressed a need to have a secure campus but not a campus that hinders faculty access to buildings. He said he would ask the Dean of Students if a security report currently exists and if so, obtain a copy. George agreed to chair the committee and Joye Gowan and Elaine Nagelson agreed to serve.
10. There was no new business. Teri Gergen made the motion to adjourn and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianna Mabry

Faculty Senate Secretary

