

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes January 20, 2012

Attendees:

President: Pat Wurth

Vice President: George Meghabghab

Secretary: Marianna Mabry

TBR Sub-council Rep.:

Parliamentarian: Don Windham

Math Science:

Eric Bouldin

Ron Sternfels

Michael Chung

Steven Zhang

Allied Health:

Teri Gergen

Karen Feltner

Gary Genna

Nursing:

Patricia Jenkins

Marcia Sloush

Elaine Nagelson

Humanities

Brenda Luggie

Sammie Mowery

Peggy Hilliard

Bryan Wilkerson

Social Science/Business and Education

Don Lanza

Val Herd

Gary Heidinger

Library:

Ollie Nolan

Quorum was established

Pat Wurth called the meeting to order.

The minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

The President's Report included the following items:

- Ask the division secretary for keys for doors. Lights at the ORBC atrium and parking lot are now fixed
- Laurie Sammartano has resigned from the senate due to health limitations. Pat Jenkins has volunteered to replace Laurie as the TBR representative. A motion was made and approved.
- Joye Gowan the Math Science senator also was replaced. Ben King and Steven Zhang are alternately replacing Joye as a faculty senator.

The Syllabus Committee needs help from the education division. The committee is cleaning up the syllabus draft and hopes for a May completion.

Constitution Committee per Don Windham has no activity and hopes to present at the next meeting.

The Security Committee presented a graphic presentation comparing criminal offenses at RSCC verses PSTCC.

Feedback from the Completion Academy:

The Gen Ed committee is attempting to identify ways to improve the undecided majors.

The first 15 hours should be tweaked for those pursuing Allied Health and/or Nursing tracks. Need to offer a variety of 15 hour blocks.

What is the impact of the new rules on undecided student's ability to explore gen. ed. courses in order to make a decision regarding their future?

Also noted- 80% of TN college students need remedials and are deficient. A cooperative effort between community colleges and K12 would need to be improved so students are better prepared and able to decide a realistic major.

RSCC administration appears to be unclear as to what types of areas of study/degrees are going to be in demand. This determination would impact pathway planning.

A mention was made that (per Teresa Duncan) there were enough applications in drawers that would cover our numbers needed for graduation. It was unclear whether that was intent to graduate forms or applications for admission into RSCC. Pat would like this clarified. Could more graduate analysts be hired to expedite this situation or perhaps new software??

What impact will financial aid have on the transfer student? Will the student be awarded the associate degree?

Music is trying to embed a certificate into a gen. ed. degree.

Pat needs to find out if an awarded degree affects the student's financial aid and also invite a financial aid member to the next senate meeting.

Marianna made a motion to adjourn there was a second and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Marianna Mabry

Faculty Senate Secretary