

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes March 16, 2012

Attendees:

President: Pat Wurth

Vice President: George Meghabghab

Secretary: Marianna Mabry

TBR Sub-council Rep.: Patricia Jenkins

Parliamentarian:

Math Science:

Eric Bouldin

Michael Chung

Steven Zhang

Allied Health:

Sue Sain

Gary Genna

Nursing:

Marcia Shloush

Humanities

Brenda Luggie

Sammie Mowery

Peggy Hilliard

Social Science/Business and Education

Val Herd

Dan Hyder

Library:

Ollie Nolan

Quorum was established

Pat Wurth called the meeting to order.

The minutes from last month's meeting were revised and approved.

IDEA Student Evaluations – Shelly Esquivel:

Shelly advised the senate members the evaluation committee was considering moving to a short form of the IDEA evaluations due to many factors some of which are:

- An increased response rate from students
- Perhaps students are not the best judge of teaching methods utilized by faculty.

She reported Chris Whaley had approved the move to the short form. She advised that most other schools however, do use the long form and that RODP has a lower response rate than average. A senate member suggested we could use the short version for one year and then review the outcomes. Another member made a motion to vote, there was a second to the motion and all voted in favor to utilize the shorter form of the IDEA evaluation form for one year and evaluate outcomes.

Nomination Committee for Election of Officers

Pat formed a committee to nominate the senate officers for next year. It was noted the votes are by secret ballot. Ollie was asked to chair the committee and accepted. Marcia Shloush agreed to assist.

Promotion and Tenure Policy

The promotion and tenure committee policy changes were reviewed and a motion to accept the changes was vocalized followed by a second and all were in favor of the policy changes.

BenRoth Award

George informed the senate he could no longer chair the Betroth Committee due to his nomination for the award. The policy states in the event of this situation the next senate officer in line should chair the committee. The next in line is the secretary, Marianna Mabry. The BenRoth committee was then formed with a member from each division. The members are as follows:

Marianna Mabry - Chairperson

Val Herd- Social Science

Gary Genna- Allied Health Science

Eric Bouldin- Math/ Science

Sammie Mowery- Humanities

Ollie Nolan - Library

More Herington-Nursing (communicated via email after the senate meeting)

George also reminded that the due date for nominee portfolios is April 5th, 2012.

Security Committee

Per George's research of other campuses he presented a document containing a list of suggestions regarding security. One of these suggestions included a webpage dedicated to the security at RSCC. George commented that many colleges (WSCC, PTCC, Nashville State) have websites with most of the information George is suggesting RSCC include. Some senate comments were:

- Security personnel should decide if they want their picture included on the website
- A panic button for the campus libraries
- Background checks for all hired security personnel
- Discourage nepotism in the hiring of security.

A motion was made to approve the amended security suggestions, a second was vocalized and all were in favor of the amended suggestions.

Syllabus Committee Report

After a discussion regarding the following items:

- the syllabus is a template that faculty can add more information if desired
- faculty can change the font size
- faculty should not change the order of items on the template

a motion was made to approve the standard syllabi template presented by George. A motion was seconded by Ollie and all voted in favor to approve the new standard syllabi for RSCC.

Constitution Committee Report

Pat decided to change the chairperson to Don Lanza. Although absent from this meeting Don is aware.

There was a motion and a second to change the chairperson all voted in favor and the change was made.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianna Mabry
Faculty Senate Secretary

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