

## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2013

### Attendees:

President: Pat Wurth  
Vice President: George Meghabghab  
Secretary: Marianna Mabry  
TBR Sub-council Rep.: Pam Siergiej

### Nursing:

Ruth Palmer  
Marcia Shloush

### Math Science:

Ben King  
Ron Sternfels

### Humanities

Brenda Luggie

### Allied Health:

Teri Gergen  
Karen Feltner  
Sue Sain  
Gary Genna

### Social Science/Business and Education

Casey Cobb  
Brad Fox

### Library:

Ollie Nolan

1. **Quorum was established**
2. Pat Wurth called the meeting to order.
3. The Minutes were approved with amendments

Pat Wurth provided the VP for Student Learning job description and announced it was posted and those serving on the search committee are:

Beverly Bonner  
Karen Brunner - Chair  
Teri Gergen  
Kirk Harris  
Ben King  
David Lane  
George Meghabghab  
Kathryn Rhodes  
Cathy Smith  
Sarah Thomason  
Laura Vaughn  
William West  
Susan Williams  
Pat Wurth

The committee will narrow the search to 3 candidates and forums will be provided on each campus for faculty and staff to attend. There are no deans on the search committee in the event one should apply for the position.

A request has been made to name the faculty sick leave bank in honor of John Thomas.

A motion was made to approve the travel policy regarding official station and in particular web classes and the establishment of office hours. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved.

George Meghabghab has asked faculty to return the Benroth nominations to him by 2/28. He said that about 70% have been returned so far.

### **Security Committee**

George reported a student was caught selling stolen merchandise on Craig's list. The computer equipment was taken from T 306B. George met with the new Chief Stefano and presented the list from Faculty Senate and chief Stefano is very interested in the suggestions and appreciates the input. Radios are being purchased for all security personnel – the radios will connect to the local police. It was also mentioned the ORBC pre-dialed security number rings to the Harriman campus and this is being investigated.

### **Syllabus Committee**

The template is moving forward and will be finalized and up for a vote at the next senate meeting. George will send it to the Faculty Senate prior to the next meeting for all senators to review. The next senate meeting is on 3/22/2013.

### **TBR Sub-council**

Pam attended by phone due to the inclement weather. The committee voted on approving current proposals put forth by the task force regarding adjuncts and the definition of adjunct faculty and also the compensation of adjuncts. The current compensation levels, which are the maximum pay, are now the minimum pay levels per the vote. The actual dollars paid will then be determined by the institution. Pat Wurth will check with President Whaley regarding the proposed increase of adjunct pay as she believes it was mentioned in a prior email. TBR is also providing a resource website for adjunct. On 2/11 the chairman of the Faculty Senate Sub-council from ETSU emailed Pam informing her ETSU has passed a resolution on benefit equality. ETSU is hopeful this will then move forward to TBR.

### **Service Learning**

John Brown the coordinator for service learning at RSCC and who also teaches in the social science department provided a presentation.

He encouraged all faculty to become involved and assured us it could be done in class or as a standalone project. Service learning is good for the community and will also demonstrate classroom relevance and may also provide students an opportunity to network within their field. John plans to provide workshops and wants to spark faculty involvement. John and his staff are willing to help

faculty create a service learning project for their area of study. He encourages faculty to call with any questions.

**New Business**

Pat appointed a committee to elect new Faculty Senate officers for the upcoming 2013-2014 academic year. The nomination committee includes Sue Sain and Marci Shloush. Pam Siergieje will continue as TBR sub-council representative.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianna Mabry

Faculty Senate Secretary