

Roane State Community College

Faculty Senate Meeting, March 21st, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

President – George Meghabghab
Secretary – Pat Wurth
TBR Representative - Pam Siergieje
Past President - Pat Wurth

Shannon Meadows
Sue Sain
Teresa Manis
Gary Genna
Teri Gergen
David Blevins - Alternate
Ruth Palmer
Bill West
Ollie Nolan
Brenda Luggie
Ralph Monday
Matt Waters
Curtis Currie

1. Quorum was established
2. The Minutes of the February meeting were approved with a revision
3. Robert Benson, Director of Libraries, gave a presentation on print magazine/journal subscriptions. These subscriptions to academic titles and leisure reading have not changed for 14 years. There are over 200 titles at a cost of \$40,000 annually. Due to trends toward digital reading, there will be an effort to make cuts to the print issues. A list will be sent to faculty of every title and faculty can indicate which they wish to delete/retain.
4. Official Station; a motion was passed to approve the policy revision previously submitted to Mr. Gibbs regarding official station. The **revised policy** reads:
“Distance Education includes web courses, hybrid courses, and RODP courses. The credit hours for these courses will be assigned to the campus that houses the faculty member’s primary office location. **Up to 3 (3 hour) courses of either Web, Hybrid or combination of the two will count toward the determination of the faculty member’s official station and office hours.**”

5. There was a discussion on the Distribution List Policy. President Meghabghab will find out if this is a TBR requirement. There are concerns regarding approval time for emails and academic freedom.
6. Ollie Nolan, Sue Sain and Marcia Sloush were appointed to the Election Committee.
7. FSLB: a motion was passed to allow full time employees with Faculty rank to join. The Eligibility statement now reads:
“**Eligibility:** Participation in the Faculty Sick Leave Bank is available to regular full time faculty or full time employees with faculty rank”.
8. President’s Report:
 - a. Due to decline in sales tax revenue, there will be no salary increase and tuition will increase up to 6%.
 - b. RSCC will receive 1/3 of the amount of funding previously expected from the state
 - c. The Governor allocated more 100 million dollars for funding for students attending Community Colleges for 2 year degrees.
 - d. Hope scholarship is now \$3,000 for students to either 2 or 4 yr. colleges.
 - e. 18 faculty received adjustments in salary equity
9. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wurth, Secretary/Past President