

Roane State Community College

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Faculty Senate

April 21, 2017

2:00pm

Location of Meeting:

Harriman, O-101, 2:00pm

Present at Meeting:

Senators:

Brad Fox – President

Mike Farmer – Vice President

Saundra Stiles – Secretary

Jill Denton

Ben King

Ron Sternfels

Sue Sain

John Brown

Pat Wurth

Jason Fishel

David Rath

Fran Kinnunen

Matt Waters

Marcia Shloush

Rosemary Bird

Tammy Hannon

Bill West

I. Quorum was established

II. Approval of Minutes – March Faculty Senate meeting minutes approved.

III. **Election of FS Officers** – Brad posts FS Constitution section related to election of officers. Nominations for President, VP, Secretary, and TBR Sub Council Representative are taken. President: Mike Farmer and Ron Sternfels, VP: Saundra Stiles, Secretary: Elizabeth Weaver, TBR Sub Council: Stacie Bradshaw. All nominees are asked to exit room for discussions. Nominees re-enter. Ballots are handed out, and each Senator votes via secret ballot. Votes are counted and those elected by majority are: President: Mike Farmer, VP: Saundra Stiles, Secretary: Elizabeth Weaver, and TBR Sub Council Representative: Stacie Bradshaw.

IV. **President's Report – Brad Fox.**

- First 24 Committee: meet again last week of April. A new model is being discussed to address how students will be advised over the summer (with limited faculty on campus). May involve asking some faculty to do summer advising. Brad will work with Diane to

put together an update on success coaches and get that out soon. If anyone is encountering issues, please make notes and let Brad know, or let Kat Baker know. A faculty member made the suggestion to somehow identify students in faculty advisee lists as having success coaches or not. This might be easier if faculty are looking at their list to know who they should be trying to contact and who has a success coach currently.

- Workload Committee: will meet last week of April (maybe via High Five to make more convenient). They are working on having each committee member put the various types of external learning (i.e. clinical, practicum, fieldwork, etc.) into categories and define them. They would like to have something standard college-wide.
- Faculty Forum with the President – Good discussion, the President left with several suggestions and ideas. Brad reiterated the importance of getting all stakeholders involved prior to decisions being made, not after. Brad encouraged upcoming officers to continue if they see value in the discussions. A faculty member suggested using High Five or another type of web based meeting to bring the meeting to more faculty. Senate agreed to think about this for future meetings.
- Course Evaluations – Paper or Online is the big question. IDEA is going to all online, so we have to decide if we will continue to use IDEA or go to something different. Many faculty like paper/pencil option and feel they get a better response with that. A new version will be piloted in fall with tenured faculty. Input will be gathered on how faculty feel about new version. A faculty member asked if new piloted version will be as long as IDEA. No one really knows because nothing has been chosen yet, but that is something to consider.
- Infosilem – Deans and Department Chairs met with them to get a sense of how this new system will work. Spring 2018 will be a pilot of the new system, we will use again in Fall 2018. It is scheduled to go live Spring 2019.
- Karen Brunner and the ATD survey – approximately 50 faculty responded. A good number of adjuncts and staff also responded. 9/28 and 9/29 the ATD team will be here to discuss results of survey. A faculty member asked why there were no open-ended questions because some of the questions were difficult to answer and they would have liked to explain their response. Brad suggested attending the sessions in September and asking those questions. It was an ATD survey and RSCC couldn't change it.

V. **New Business** - no new business, but one faculty member did thank the FS officers for serving this academic year.

VI. Adjourn