

Academic Senate
March 18, 2014
Brockmann Center Conference Room
4:00 p.m.

Members Present - Steve Don, Curtis Smeby, Darlene Bricker, Lorren Schlotfeldt, Carol Reifschneider, Mary Pappas, Jamie Underwood, Larry Strizich, Lanny Wilke, Provost Rugg.

Guests –

Call to Order - Steve made the call to order to begin the meeting.

Minutes – Carol made a motion to approve the meeting minutes on 02/11/14, Jamie second the motion. All approved.

Provost Updates – the senate members introduced themselves to Provost Rugg as this is his first meeting. The Provost is taking a look at retention. He is looking at the program prioritization with new eyes as well as classroom use and classroom size. He stated that 85% of the budget goes to faculty salary. He is also looking at contracts and new hires. The one change that has been done is that the Registrar now reports to him.

Chancellor Updates –

External Committee Reports –

- a. UAC – 2nd Thursday of each month – no report
- b. Academic Council – 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month – no report
- c. Chancellor’s Council – 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month – no report
- d. Assessment Committee – occurs every 2 weeks on Friday’s – it was reported that there was a survey sent out by Debra and have received those results. Assessment and accreditation have been split in to two committees based on the faculty vote. The next meeting will be this Friday.

Senate Committee Reports – need to have recorders and chairs for each sub-committee.

- a. Admissions & Standards – Chair: Bill Danley; Recorder: Alisha Schroeder – There will be a meeting this week as the committee has a couple of petitions to go over.
- b. Cultural Development – no report
- c. Curriculum – Chair: Byron Ophus – no report
- d. Financial Aid – Chair: Darlene Bricker; Recorder: Barbara Zuck – scholarships have been awarded. The ceremonies will be held next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 6:30-8pm in the Library. Darlene will email the schedule to Sandy Jappe.
- e. General Education – Chair: Jeremy Siemens; Recorder: Jennifer Anderson – no report
- f. Graduate Council – the committee met early march before break.

- g. Instruction, Research, and Faculty Development – Chair: Larry Strizich – Lanny reported that the committee is working on compacting the multiple IRB forms to one form.
- h. Instructional Technology – no report
- i. Library – Recorder: Val Hickman – this committee has not met, Carol is the chair.

Proposals –

- a. Proposal #13-09 – where is this proposal in the curriculum process?
- b. Proposal #13-? – This request has to do with Bio-Energy Center designation – concerns over the funding request.

Old Business –

- a. Performance Based Funding – Steven sat in on a call last week. They are looking at what metrics we will be using – completion and retention. We will be able to use five different options. They will need to be formalized for May BOR. There were questions on transfer students and use of those numbers. The next phone call will be Friday at 1pm in the BCCR.

New Business –

- a. BOR March 2014 – Lorren reported on this meeting. There was an issue regarding tenure. Why can't all tenure be the same on every campus as each campus is unique? May BOR is in Havre. Paul Tuss is the chair elect.

Announcements –

- a. There was a questions on student excellence awards. They have just been completed and only six faculty gave input. Has this outlived its usefulness? There was discussion amongst the group. It was stated that the process in arbitrary. We should formalize the process. Should we get input from faculty? On way would be to self-nominate and then ask faculty for recommendations. Why not use Academic Senate as a selection committee or as back up.
- b. There was a comment of putting Native American representation in graduation as there hasn't been any the last two years.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm by President, Steven Don.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Lourdes N. Caven.