

Faculty Senate meeting

August 31, 2001, 2:00 PM, Mountain Con room, Student Union Building

Election of chairman – Rick Appleman elected as Chair.

Senators in attendance:

Rick Appleman
Jim Handley
Dave Carter
Rick Donovan
Kate Miller
David Hobbs
Mary McLaughlin
Danette Melvin
Kelly Amtmann

Visitor: Butch Gerbrandt

Meeting times at 2:00 Fridays probably every other Friday.

- Plenary session and discussion of which issues and agendas should be considered by the Senate

(The Senate decided that secretarial duties will be rotated between members)

Possible issues for future consideration:

- Strategic plan for dealing with technologies. E.g. computer committee, structure of how technology is acquired and maintained. Standard policies and procedures are needed...
- Senate could track budgets and make recommendations . Make sure the Senate has representation on critical committees.
- Terms for Department Heads and Deans.
- Tech web site – need a vision that is cohesive and communicated to web surfers.
- Senate should make a statement that faculty should have strong input on the technological tools, especially the web site. Possible sub-committee to the campus web committee. Identify one or two senators to gather information and report data back to senate so senate can make a decision re: whether a FacSen statement would be appropriate or not.
- Also there should be faculty input as to which courses should be offered online.
- Discuss and plan for 2003 legislature; improve university PR
- Get faculty and FacSen input on faculty evaluation system for eventual inclusion in the Faculty Handbook.
- Appoint representatives for Chancellor's Cabinet and Chancellor's Advisory Committee.
- Inability of general public to meet in cafeteria. Scheduled meeting between food service and deans: Jim Handley will attend the meeting.

Motions made and seconded:

Kelly Amtmann for Fac Sen representative on Chancellor's Advisory Committee. Approved unanimously.
Rick Donovan for Fac Sen representative for Chancellor's Cabinet . Approved unanimously.

- What is the role of the Senate?
- Organizational clarity is needed re: Associate-level Nursing degrees. Currently there are two deans who administer these degrees. Doug Coe is Dean on north campus for Associates degree for RN. Baker is the Dean of Associate of science degree on South campus. Perhaps the Senate should adopt a position on whether there should be one dean to administer both degrees.
- Should the Fac Sen chair and call all faculty meetings? It was pointed out that any faculty member can already call a faculty meeting.

- Does the Senate have the power to charge standing committees? Especially salary issues.
- Free parking for faculty...?
- Tech Calendar.
- Last year's Faculty Senate moved to include a part time faculty member on the Senate; Last year's Faculty Senate moved to include a part time faculty member on the Senate; the full faculty must vote on this.
- Facilitate finalization of the Faculty Handbook. Remaining issues such as, Terms of Deans and Heads, student evaluation, etc.

Visitor Butch Gerbrandt re: terms of heads and deans... there should be a yearly vote of confidence for Deans and department heads.. Faculty should vote for Department Heads and department heads should vote for deans. More faculty input is needed for evaluation of department heads.

Discussion on pros and cons of the ability to vote no-confidence on a department head or a dean. Faculty input needed on performance of deans and heads.

Hung issue. Will take this issue up at a following issue.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday , September 21st at 2:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.