

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting
Minutes
November 3, 2011
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: Cheri Brodeur, Marc Heft, Sue Alvers, Scott Nygren, Paul Ortiz, Mark Tillman, Barbara Wingo, Bernard Mair, Joe Glover, Debra Murie, Naomi Young, Nancy Poehlmann, Mike Katovich, and David Quillen.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. and introductions were made. Minutes from October were approved.

Chair's Report

Scott Nygren, Faculty Senate Chair

Scott Nygren noted that a new regulation was posted about leave restructuring. Even though it didn't mention it in the regulations, Dr. Machen assures us that the leave restructuring will only be implemented if the 3% state employees have to pay toward their pension goes into effect. The courts might decide that it is illegal. The comment period for the new regulation ends on Nov. 11. The Graduate Initiative is due November 23. This will be our topical discussion item at the next Senate meeting.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

Joe Glover noted that there was nothing pressing at the moment. As of today, the union hasn't agreed with the benefits regulation.

Open Access

Scott Nygren, Chair

Scott will ask Isabel Silver and Judy Russell if they can present Open Access in December instead of November.

University Constitution Committee

Paul Ortiz, Chair

The Constitution Committee assigned a "red light" to the new regulation that was recently posted with Nov 11 as the deadline for comments. Dr. Ortiz wishes to add this to the Nov 17 Faculty Senate agenda.

Calendar

Bernard Mair, Chair, Curriculum Committee

Senate agreed a long time ago that homecoming should be rescheduled in October if there's a football game. If homecoming is to be moved to November it must have Senate approval. For the 2012-2013 calendar, would like to change homecoming to Nov 9-10. This will create two four-day weekends. One for homecoming/Veterans Day and one for Thanksgiving. The reason for changing is that the games in October are heavily subscribed by the visiting teams, so no extra tickets are available. Also, would like to approve the 2015-2016 calendar. The 2015-2016 calendar has Wednesday before Thanksgiving listed as tentative as a day off for students.

Council Reports

Budget Council

Marc Heft, Chair

Working on the impacts of RCM on academic programs. At the last Budget Council had conversation with Steve Humphries and Paul D'Anieri on RCM impact on interdisciplinary

teaching and research. Will have Mark Rieger and Doug Jones as guests for the November meeting. The council is also continuing discussion on benefits changes.

Research and Scholarship Council

Debra Murie, Co-Chair

SCORS heard updates from the IRB and IACOC. What's the processing time for protocol approvals? IRB is going online to streamline. Enterprise Reporting is trying to connect the two systems (use of shadow books and enterprise reporting) in order to reduce shadowbooks).

Academic Policy Council

Nancy Poehlman, Co-Chair

Dr. Glover and the council discussed awarding students posthumous degrees. Maria Rogal will research other universities on how they handle these situations. The council also discussed the Graduate Program Renewal and thanked Carol Murphy for facilitating the Topical Discussion at the last Senate meeting. Topics for the future are: online security of exams and interdisciplinary programs.

Infrastructure Council

Mark Tillman, Co-Chair

Discussed the Technology fee with Elias Eldayrie giving back history of the fees. Technology fees bring in about \$6 million with \$1 million set aside to use for projects. The council will be reviewing the new FERPA training

Agenda for November Faculty Senate Meeting

Agenda for November 17, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting was approved with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.