



A World of Cultures United in Learning

**Faculty Senate Meeting
February 6, 2008
3:30-5:00 pm
Room 1402**

Senate Representatives Present: Susan Myers, Nancy Pauliukonis, Sharon Briggs, Terry Taskey, Victoria Loukianoff, Yvette Niccols, Alan Kirshner, Wayne Yuen, Lily Xu, Gary Mishra, Jim McManus, Bob Mitchell,

Others present: Bruce Griffin, Jack Overcash, Rob Smedfjeld, Jeff O'Connell

1. Announcements

None

2. Approval of Minutes

Approved as written.

3. Technology Resources & the Technology Master Plan-- O'Connell

Jeff O'Connell introduced Bruce Griffin, Chief Technology Director, and Jack Overcash, IT.

Both expressed the desire to have an open approach, wanting to talk with faculty regarding their technology needs. Many technology concerns seem to center on WebAdvisor; they hope to gather information from faculty as to how faculty would like it work more efficiently.

Some planned projects include WebAdvisor and better integration between Datatel and WebCT. Faculty Senate's purpose will be more as a sounding board for faculty; Senate will not be involved directly, but will channel feedback from faculty to IT.

Griffin and Overcash have not done any revision to Technology Master Plan; they are still in the discovery process. Their initial impression is that the Master Plan is a good plan—that it will be a fluid document, updated each year or even each semester.

Motion: The Senate accepts the concept outlined in the Technology Master Plan. (Kirshner)

Discussion: Support for the lab used to be under instruction, but is now under IT; some feel it would be better under instruction.

Second: (Mishra)
Motion passed.

The Master Plan allows for continued discussion on topics such as this, and we will find out what works best. We can look at broad topics and figure out what is the best solution without repeatedly going through a review and approval process. Any major changes would be brought back to the Senate.

4. Faculty code of ethics Myers

The Senate discussed the possibility of adopting a code of ethics as discussed in Accreditation Standard III.A.1.d.

Discussin

Question: How is it enforced? Could this be used as another way to regulate our behavior?

Response: Its purpose is for the protection of faculty members; it has no legal basis, and is just a guideline. Otherwise it would have to be a negotiated item written into the contract.

Question: What is to prevent it from being used in a legal setting against faculty?

Response: There is this potential, although it does not have legal standing. This statement protects faculty more than not; it freely states that these are the ethics that we uphold--this is our standard of excellence.

The Senate may have adopted the ethics statement in the past; even so, it would be a good idea to revisit it.

Senators should let Susan know of any changes they would like to see; Susan will put the Code of Ethics on the next agenda.

5. 2009-10 academic calendar Myers

The Senate reviewed a draft of the 2009-2010 academic calendar.

Discussion

Graduation is scheduled on Friday. The Spring semester begins a week early.

Veteran's Day falls on a Wednesday; this is set by the state.

Susan will get a new calendar made up to change the intercession to begin one week later and change graduation to Thursday, May 20.

She will also ask Jim Wright what plans are being made for the intercession.

6. Faculty survey Myers

The Senate discussed the possibility of conducting a survey to get feedback from faculty on issues such as WebAdvisor, the compressed calendar (how is it working?), and “clustering” of faculty offices.

Senate would survey faculty and make recommendations based on the feedback.

Should Senate create a survey to gather faculty sentiment to provide direction to other bodies on campus or to make a formal resolution?

Suggestion- Survey faculty regarding the top few issues that they would like Senate to work on,

Motion: Senate will send out a general survey to identify top issues to be addressed by Faculty Senate. (Kirshner)

Second: (Yuen)

Motion passed.

Susan and Nancy will work on a survey.

7. President's Report - Myers

The next Senate Meeting will take place at Newark on February 20 from 4:00 to 5:00.

The March 5th meeting will be scheduled in the videoconference room. Susan will check to see if Newark can set up a similar site.

The April 2nd meeting conflicts with the presidential interviews. We might reschedule April meetings on April 16th and 30th instead of April 2nd and 16th (or cancel the 2nd).

The final meeting will take place on May 7th.

One Trustee has asked that we discuss the rotation of officers: Bill McMillan is Vice President and will become President; John Weed is treasurer and will move to Vice President; Bob Brunton will become treasurer; then Watters, Tahmasbi, and Nardolillo, and then Garrett Yee, who will be leaving the presidency.