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Faculty Senate Minutes
February 20, 2008
4:00-5:00 pm
Newark Center, Room 1100

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

Others present: Jim Wright

1. Announcements

No Announcements.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approved with correction.

3. Faculty code of ethics -- Myers

On December 7, 1994 Senate approved a Code of Ethics in the process of adopting the handbook of guidelines for faculty evaluation. The Code of Ethics was adopted as part of that handbook.

Currently the handbook is outdated and no longer a part of what we do.

Concern – Where is it published, now that the handbook is no longer published? It was suggested that the Code of Ethics could be published on the Faculty Senate website.

The state academic senate has links to AAUP, citing the same Code as we have in our handbook.

Motion: The Faculty Senate reaffirms the Code of Ethics that was passed in 1994 with the following amendment to paragraph 2, final sentence: “They protect their freedom of expression.” (Kirshner)

Second: (Briggs)

Motion passed.

Discussion: Last line: “They protect their academic freedom.” Does protecting academic freedom mean that students have the right to deny the truth? Students may express their opinion in the classroom. The statement allows students to hear objectionable statements,

although they have the right to disagree. The decision was made to amend the verbiage, changing “academic freedom” to “freedom of expression.”

4. 2009-10 academic calendar -- Myers

The Senate reviewed and voted upon the 2009-2010 academic calendar.

Spring semester instruction begins February 1 and graduation will take place on Thursday, May 27.

Motion: The Senate accepts the 2009-2010 calendar. (Kirshner)

Second: (Tull)

Motion passed.

5. Faculty survey -- Myers

- A survey might help prioritize what the senate should focus on in the remaining meetings this spring.
- On February 28 from 2:00 to 3:00 there will be an institutional research and assessment meeting, led by Mike Bowman; there will be discussion about another faculty survey to be conducted; perhaps we could include our questions in that survey rather than send out multiple surveys.
- Some issues should be referred to the appropriate committees. (e.g. WebAdvisor-- Technology Committee, safety issues—Safety Committee, etc.)
- Library budget -- When the self study was written, one planning agenda focused on increasing the book fund from from \$25K to \$50K. This has been done. The ongoing allotment is \$50K for books, \$25K for periodicals.
- Clustering-- clustering is part of the Master Plan for the Fremont campus; the Facilities Committee will work on a “re-visioned” plan for the Fremont campus. The Fremont campus will have a lot of extra space when the new Student Services building opens. Jim will propose to the Facilities Committee a phased-in approach to clustering academic clusters: Sciences in building 8; Deaf/ASL in building 6; Fine Arts in Building 2 and the Smith Center.

Motion: The Senate eliminates the previous decision to do a survey. (Yuen)

Second: (Tull)

Motion passed.

Discussion- If we eliminate it, the opportunity is gone; if we were to table it, we can decide to do a survey at a later time if we need it.

However, a new motion to do a survey could be made if a survey is needed.

6. Administrative Procedures -- Myers

Tabled

3. President's Report -- Myers

The WASC accreditation team will be at our next meeting on March 5.