

Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

The Faculty Council (FC) meeting started at approximately 2:30pm.

Members Present:

Sue Allen	Alisa Petree
Henry Apperson	Lesley Plemons
Jennifer Black	Lisa Lindloff (for Deanna Robinson-Breidel)
Cheryl Bohde	Larry Salazar
Cindy Burns	Alexandria Shiu
Kurt Chunn	Rhonda Siddens
Derek Clapp	Mary Sides
Sondra Dubowsky	Emily Stottlemeyre
Donna George	Lise Uhl
Sue Graham	Gail Woodward
Susan Spooner (for Bill Lockhart)	Brooks Wilson
Cynthia Morris	

Kurt Chunn gave a welcome and started the meeting. He reminded everyone about the opportunity to sign up for the charter bus to attend the TCCTA Conference which will be March 1 -3. The bus will be available on the Friday, March 2.

Quality Matters (QM): This topic was brought up in the October, 2011 meeting. Quality Matters is a voluntary peer-reviewed certification process for online courses. It is a nationally recognized certification that is centered on best practices for online learning. A discussion about whether we want to make any kind of recommendation to the administration about faculty support for QM brought up questions on costs, whether we should have a policy in place, and do we want to move toward being a QM school and/or support individuals to get their online course QM certified? Kurt will gather more information on QM and will e-mail a possible proposal that FC can vote on to FC members.

Time Off: Topics such as whether we can use sick leave days for emergency or bereavement absences, have incentives for not taking personal leave, and the possibility of pooling sick/emergency/bereavement days were discussed. A motion to look into our current policy and possibly rewording it was passed. The policy committee will begin to look into the current policy and possible changes, and email their findings to the FC. Kurt encouraged those who want to help with this possible proposal policy change to contact Jennifer Black who chairs the policy committee.

HB 2504 Committee: This committee has been asked to now come up with a plan of which data are to be posted should the state require the posting student evaluations of faculty in the future. Kurt asked FC members to gather feedback from their constituents about which data we want to publish: data from our current student evaluations, or do we need to revise our student evaluations to have data to post if posting those evaluations becomes law. Donna mentioned that the committee had already made recommendations of reporting data every 2 years, and omitting data from classes with less than 10 students or from classes that have a response rate of less than 10 percent. The committee has been

researching what other schools have been reporting and will work on the “which data” question for posting.

Bookstore: Issues that FC members brought up include students’ financial aid being applied 2 weeks after the start of school, not enough books in the bookstore, not using the latest enrollment data to order books for the semester, ordering incorrect supplementary materials, and sometimes students are told that they must buy certain bundled products when they are allowed to buy them separately. Kurt encouraged letting Rush Hathi, our FC Bookstore representative and Sonja Platt, the bookstore manager, know about any issues faculty may have.

Elections Committee: This committee is currently looking at streamlining regular and temporary full-time faculty policy with regard to elections. Currently the elections are to start in April, but that is too late to really do the process the due diligence it requires. The committee will be starting the process sooner this spring, and they will develop guidelines and policy recommendations to help streamline the process for future FC elections.

Announcements:

The next FC meeting will be on Feb . 21 at 2:30pm in MAC 335.

The meeting adjourned.