Faculty Senate Minutes

Date and Time: August 12, 2020 2:30 p.m.

Room: Online via Teams


Guests Present: None

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 2:35 p.m.

II. Minutes from January 9, 2020, meeting: Karen noted corrections to minutes: “Agenda” should be “Minutes,” and the year 2020 should be included. John moved to approve as amended; Bryon seconded. Motion passed.

III. Communications
   a. Welcome new hires/members of the committee: President Sawatzki welcomed new members.
   b. By-law and article changes for ASCRC updated and are posted on College Website.
   c. Budget update: We have $400 for professional development and $150 for misc. things that come up: (e.g. SHIFT art show, elementary kids and candy last year)

IV. Committee Reports
   a. ASCRC
      i. Updates on member changes: looking for two members. Tod moved to open the nominations for ASCR new members; Debra R. seconded. No discussion. Motion passed. Barbara nominated Paul Nicholson and Derrick Hauer. Della nominated John Hartman; Steve nominated Lisa Simpson. Karen moved to closed nominations; Bryon seconded.
      ii. Discussion
      iii. Motion Passed.
      iv. Virginia created poll: Results showed a tie between John and Derrick at 11 votes; Lisa had the most votes at 12 votes. John deferred the nomination, so Derrick and Lisa will be the new ASCRC members.
   b. PAC
      i. Steve Lewis has agreed to head this committee and keep it going. They are meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. Rick H., Rick P., John H., John M., Deb R., and Kristina K. are assigned as mentors for new faculty.
V. Unfinished Business
   a. Recommendations were submitted to leadership last semester in regards to changes in scheduling, faculty members on hiring committees for new faculty, and shared governance in regards to decision making. Steve suggested that Phillip confirm that recommendations made to Laura have been passed on to Sandy. Phillip has a meeting scheduled with Sandy and will confirm this.

VI. New Business
   a. Library Learning Hub update with Della Dubbe: Della described the services of the Library Learning Hub. Jessie Pate is now the Institutional Researcher, so the library is down one person. Please encourage students to make appointments when possible. Discussion about this.
   b. Changes to and concerns (?) with the bookstore: Going to be more a referral than offering books. Discussion: Phillip will discuss with Sandy the problem with getting materials.
   c. Healthy return plans: what are some instructors’ ideas for navigating course delivery during Covid? Discussion.
   e. John moved to approve by acclamation; Emmett seconded. Motion passed.
   f. Karen asked about the title changes for administration. ECOS should look at those titles and discuss whether changes should be made to Senate Constitution in regard to evaluations.
   g. Bryon reminded everyone about an advisory committee for assessment. Put this on ECOS’ agenda. Also need two members each for tenure and promotion. Discussion.

VII. Good and Welfare/Question and Answer:
   a. Rick asked new people to introduce themselves.

VIII. Adjournment: Virginia moved to adjourn; John seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Henderson, Recorder