

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

Call to Order: President Art Warner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Art Warner, Joan Schneider, John Hartman, Mike Cronin, Bryon Steinwand, Michelle Holt, Barbara Yahvah, George Sonnenberg, Kim Hoy, Steve Lewis, Tom Jungst, Nathan Munn, Karmen Williams, Sheri Smith.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 28, 2010, meeting were approved by a consensus of the group. No revisions were suggested.

Communications: Mike Cronin noted that there is no longer a link on the home page of the UMH website to the faculty or staff by-laws. He suggested they be added in that location.

Art reported on the progress of the Airport Campus. Construction is underway, but it looks like a disaster at this time.

Bryon Steinwand provided a handout describing the accomplishments of the ASCR Committee from the April 6, 2010, meeting through the September 21, 2010, meeting. Examples follow: 1) Seven new courses were recommended for approval; 2) several course revisions were recommended for approval; 3) policy language was discussed and updated; 4) a new policy on Rights and Responsibilities of Academic Personnel was presented to Faculty Senate for discussion. Bryon also announced that the ASCR Committee is looking for a new member. The next meeting will be October 5, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in DON 201. Minutes are posted on the UMH website and the H Drive.

Art Warner described the purpose of the College Council. Five groups of three have been appointed to help programs with assessment reports. Steve Lewis added that the assessment process is institutional in scope and is not meant to be a critique. After reviewing assessment reports, the Council will be able to discover common themes that are working well or that need attention.

Mike Cronin reviewed the e-mail meeting held over the summer by the Professional Development Committee (not the budget committee). The committee selected Shaun Scott to head the Faculty Support Center. Shaun has come up with some interesting topics for training this year.

New Business: Art Warner asked for discussion relating to the reorganization of the faculty senate; in particular, the election of officers. Each department is required to select a member for ECOS, and Art offered to look for someone to represent the Trades area. The Fire & Rescue program is also without representation. A lengthy discussion of the by-laws resulted in a consensus decision that they need to be revised before the group can elect officers. Art will

stay on as president until the by-laws are clarified and a member is selected from the Trades area. Art stated that ECOS will meet and discuss ECOS membership and look at changing the by-laws.

Another topic of discussion for the next meeting is deciding on whether or not the group would like to reinstate the finals week schedule. Brandi and the Calendar Committee need to hear from the faculty senate before they set the academic calendar.

Action: Art requested that members read the Rights and Responsibilities of Academic Personnel handout for the next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The date of the next meeting will be announced at a later time.

Submitted by:

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Recorder