

May 14, 2018, Faculty Senate meeting minutes Amended 24 August 2018

Location: DON125

Present: Barbara Yahvah, Kim Haughee, Kim Feig, Della Dubbe, Wes Walker, Rick Henry, Phillip Sawatzki, John Hartman, Emmett Coon, Bryon Steinwand, Karen Henderson, Jen Bergner, Joyce Walborn, Tod Dumas, Mounika Pokuri

Guests: Mary Lannert, Robyn Kiesling

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting of January 11, 2018 were reviewed. Rick moved and Emmett seconded approval as written. The motion passed.

Committee reports:

- PAC – The PAC was “wrapping up” their year’s activity
- ASCRC – Barb reported on the extensive work ASCRC conducted over the past academic year. Jen thanked her for her and ASCRC’s work.
- College Council – There was nothing to report from College Council other than it is trying to find its role at Helena College

Unfinished Business

The third reading of the latest Faculty Senate Articles and Bylaws took place. John moved and Tod seconded acceptance of the Articles and Bylaws. The motion passed.

Discussion was held on evaluating the Gen Ed and Tech division chairs, and the Heads of the Nursing and Fire & Rescue programs. These evaluations will take place soon, hopefully in the next academic year.

New Business

Discussion on Behavioral Assessment Team was extensive. Items discussed included the need for an on-campus psychotherapist, the need for clear guidelines when working with a behaviorally challenging situation, training in de-escalation techniques, and the lack of community mental health care. In addition, concerns around security in Helena College were expressed. Various ways of improving security were presented. Faculty Senate strongly recommends the Safety and Security Committee finalize guidelines for campus security.

Professional Development options were addressed. There are MUS online classes faculty can take at reduced costs. In addition, PD funds were requested in the Faculty Senate budget. Once the budget is finalized the amount for faculty PD will be available.

Having no further business, Karen moved and Wes seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.