



Meeting Minutes

Faculty Senate
Regular Meeting
Tuesday April 30 2013
SMET Room 126B, 4:00 PM

Present: Adrienne O'Brien, Cindy Armijo, Lawrence Martinez, Laura Gonzales, Harry Anderson, Chuck Peterson, Ardys Otterbacher, Joseph Montoya, Beth Juarros, Maxine Hughes, Chris Castellano

Absent: Sherry Goodyear

- I. Chuck Peterson (Chair) called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. A quorum was established.
- II. At the request of A. O'Brien, the agenda was changed slightly. Item IV/C was moved up to the position of III/A, to take advantage of the presence of C. Castellano.

III. Committees

A. Resolution for Student Retention/Persistence Appropriation from State Legislature

O'Brien summed up the content of a joint resolution between Student Government and the Faculty Senate regarding student clubs. She also summarized the events of the 4/24/13 Board meeting during which the 2013-14 budget had been approved. There was a general discussion regarding the resolution during which it was decided that the recommendations of the resolution were inappropriate and some of its points moot.

O'Brien proposed the formation of an ad hoc student club committee, to meet after the end of the semester. The motion was seconded and voted on, with a unanimous "Aye."

B. Handbook Committee: nothing to report.

C. SLOA: H. Anderson and C. Peterson had nothing to report.

D. Election committee: B. Juarros reported that there was at least one nominee for every available position, except that of the representative for Associate Faculty. She received a list of all eligible faculty from A. O'Brien and pledged to contact each of them, in the hope that one of them would agree to step forward to fill the position.

Additionally, in many cases there was in fact only one person nominated for the position, so a brief discussion was conducted on the necessity (or lack thereof) of holding an election for those positions. The Bylaws of the Faculty Senate do not address this issue specifically. C. Peterson moved to dispense with the election process for the cases in which there is only one candidate; the movement was seconded and all present voted in favor of it.

IV. Other business/Follow-up

A. Board meeting of 4/20/13: A. O'Brien had been present only for a few minutes of that meeting. She reported that the agenda showed intense questioning of the COO and the Director of the Vocational Education Department.

B. LAT meeting of 4/29/13: A. O'Brien again reported. The focus of the meeting was about online classes, and that there would be a "live shooter" training to be offered on Friday, 5/3/13.

C. Lab fee charge: President Campos agreed in principle that these revenues should be tracked to be sure that they are allocated to laboratory classes.

D/E. Strategic Plan, and Orientation Presentation on Blackboard: S. Goodyear was responsible for these items, but since she was not present, we didn't have anything to say about them.

V. New Business

A. Obligation to attend one Board meeting a year: This is mentioned in the Bylaws but most of the Senate members were not aware of this part of their duties. A. O'Brien informed us that the last two meetings of the school year were scheduled for 5/8/13 and 5/15/13, so that we could plan to attend one or the other of them.

A. O'Brien said that once each Senator had attended a meeting, she would be able to fill out TERFs for elected representatives so that they can receive their honorarium.

B. Faculty Senate end of semester meetings and workshops will be held on 5/15/13. In addition to the final Senate meeting of the year, scheduled for 10 a.m., there would be workshops covering: ethics and FERPA; one shooter training; and a photo session for the new Senate. The location of the meeting is to be announced.

C. Other new business: C. Armijo would like to add "something fun" to the events of the 5/15 workshops.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.