

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2016

Members Present

Owolabi Tihamiyu
Joyce Eisel
Statha Kline-Cherry
Kenneth Bowman
William Kerns
Kenneth Noe
Jana Marcette
Johndavid Kerr excused absence due to severe weather

Visitors

Greg Carr
Ann Podleski

I. Call to Order

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 1:50pm

II. Approval of prior minutes

The motion for the approval of the August 19, 2016 Faculty Senate Minutes was made by Dr. Eisel and seconded by Dr. Kerns.

III. Availability of Student Evaluations on HSSU

Possible solutions to increasing student participation in completing faculty evaluation surveys include letting the students complete the surveys in class on their phones (Dr. Marcette), use laptops if available or escort them to a computer lab and left them complete the surveys during class time.

IV. Discussion with the Provost – Dr. Dwayne Smith

Dr. Smith was not available to meet with the Faculty Senate. Dr. Eisel requested that we extend the invitation to our next Senate meeting with the hope that his schedule will permit him to meet and discuss issues that we will compile and forward to him in advance of the senate meeting.

V. Discussion with HSSU Security Officer – Sergeant S. Ward

Sergeants S. Ward and J. Robinson and visited with the Faculty Senate, they encouraged All faculty and staff to become more proactive. "If We See Something, Say Something!" They suggested that all members of the campus community sign up for campus alerts. The Senate is asking for more transparency regarding incidents on campus. The university needs to view security for faculty and staff as a priority. Additional concerns are that parking permits are not enforced . . . we do not know who is on our campus.

VI. Status of CBA Approval

Mr. Carr shared updates on the CBA - we are still awaiting its approval.

VII. Article Discussion – The Slow Professor

The Slow Professor was discussed. The increasingly popular Corporate Model for the university is getting pushback from the faculty. Dr. Noe stated that we must be conscious of faculty priorities and academic freedom. Dr. Marcette shared that Dr. Podleski is meeting with faculty to find out their Goals & Commitments for the year. Dr. Eisel said that the College of Business does the same. All agreed that research take volumes of time to ponder, absorb and reflect on. Dr. Eisel says that keeping a good balance in the academy is critical.

VIII. Faculty Senate Project – Library Database Update

The Faculty Development and Research Committee has worked to get additional funding for the much needed Library database updates to enhance the research efforts of faculty and students. \$12,000 has been secured for this phase of the project. Phase Two is an initiative to provide access to the library on Sunday's from 2pm-7pm. Dr. Tihamiyu has discussed the feasibility of this plan with Mr. Higgins and Dr. Smith; both support the

plan and the \$5000 that will be needed to pay personnel for the extended hours. Dr. Tiamiyu moved that the Library be our project for the year and Dr. Kerns seconded the motion.

IX. Teacher of the Year

Closed Session - Dr. Betty Walls was appointed as the Teacher of the Year.

X. CAEP Accreditation for the COE

We will invite Dr. Vickers from the College of Education to attend the Faculty Senate meeting in October or November to discuss the upcoming CAEP accreditation.

XI. Review of Board Policy and our By-Laws – Updating Our Website

According to Dr. Smith, the Faculty Senate is the governing body of all of the HSSU standing committees. We need to get authorization for the Senate Secretary (Dr. Kline-Cherry) to update website to include the new Faculty Senate members and standing committee members.

XII. Any Matters Arising – 2016-2017 Senate Plan

Procedures for adding new General Education courses are typically approved through the General Education Committee Proposal; Dr. Eisel suggested that this is a matter for the Dean's. Dr. Tiamiyu moved to amend the policy proposal and replace "Faculty Senate" with "Deans of the Three Colleges". And repost to the Committee of Deans.

XIII. Adjournment

It was moved (Kerns) and seconded (Noe) that the Faculty Senate meeting be adjourned at 4:15pm.