

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: December 2, 2014
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 2:50 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Heslop, Daun (Huber), Slovak, Arslan, Ballenger, Dang, Davis, Anderson, Lamarque, Taneja, Ou, Smithers, King, Pierce, Starnes (President), Hammack (Secretary).

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	Motion to approve November minutes as written.	Moved by Jason Davis. Seconded. Motion passed.
Communications: Dr. Stephen Starnes, Senate President	<p>Meeting with President Jones:</p> <p>Dr. Jones asked about senate action on a university tobacco policy. Dr. Starnes asked Facilities and Scheduling committee to conduct a survey and report findings to senate.</p> <p>Dr. Jones indicated there is a soft administration hiring freeze in effect until Spring/Summer.</p> <p>The President and Provost visited the Saudi Embassy and by fall semester we hope to see the return of students from this country.</p> <p>Dr. Starnes is on a task force to increase Summer enrollment. This task force is asked to identify which group of students should be targeted to receive summer housing at a reduced cost.</p> <p>Meeting with Chancellor Sharp:</p> <p>Dr. Starnes will e-mail the list of topics discussed with Chancellor Sharp at the recent meeting of the ad hoc committee of senators requested by Chancellor Sharp on his annual visit to campus. One of the main issues was trying to get faculty credit for advising students on their projects.</p>	

<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Chancellor Sharp mentioned that Governor – elect Greg Abbott indicated Higher Education needed more money.</p> <p>Academic Practices: A meeting is scheduled this Thursday from 10 to 12 to discuss classroom management and discipline assignment; Robert Dotson will attend with one of their assistants.</p> <p>Curriculum: Committee received a request for a BS Psychology program at the Rockwall campus. The committee had no issues with it. Concern was voiced about the rapid expansion into Rockwall and Collin County considering the limited faculty lines available.</p> <p>Faculty Awards: A reminder to send award nominations to Dr. Lopez before the end of the fall semester. A question was raised about professional track faculty being eligible for these awards.</p>	
<p>Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>There is no update on faculty seating at graduation or a restructuring of graduation ceremonies by college.</p> <p>Holiday access to buildings draft policy was sent to the President and Provost. We are waiting for a response from their review.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>A request was made to have the scheduling of convocations and recognitions BEFORE creating and supplying syllabi to students so that scheduling of tests and assignments are not upset. A further request for scheduling convocations to occur on a day and time other than a Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. was made</p> <p>Faculty members have asked if we could get the whole week of Thanksgiving off possibly by starting fall semester earlier.</p>	

	<p>Six parking spaces for faculty on the east side of the Student Center are not adequate.</p> <p>December graduates that meet the requirements for their respective degrees were approved by Faculty Senate.</p>	<p>Moved by Barbara Hammack. Seconded. Motion passed</p>
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