

# Faculty Senate Minutes

Friday, November 1, 2013

11:00 – 12:30

Room 137 Brooks City Base

Present: Senators Brian Brantley, Vicky Elias, Jim Hackard, Melissa Jozwiak, Ramona Pittman, Sarah Timm, Robert Vinaja, Lorrie Webb, Claire Nolasco and Ed Westerman.

Absent: Richard Geen, Kathleen Voges Mary Mayorga

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes 5 minutes Sept. approved. Oct to be corrected – James Hackard

Administrative Update – none

Executive Committee Update – 15 minutes

Faculty Handbook – Brian BB met with Dr. Snow earlier in week. Dr. Snow will meet with deans in regular session deans will recommend to Dr. Snow. Dr. Snow will forward the recommendation. We will appoint the faculty writer.

Conference of Faculty Senates – Mary Mayorga (not present)

Central Academic Building Office Spaces – Brian Brantley discussed the new building with Dr. Snow. He reported that each office is being built for two people due to lack of office space and minimum of four years before additional construction. Several senators expressed concern about limited communication with faculty as planning occurs and the possibility of continued enrollment increases without sufficient faculty expansion. Dr. Westerman requested that reports of administrative space and associated planning be presented to the Faculty Senate. Dr. Brantley asked that senators second comments and requests to him by email. Dr. Jozwaik asked if we had a list of university committees. Dr. Brantley reported that we do not, but that the information should be available through the Office of the Provost. Dr. Westerman noted that we could request that list without a formal motion.

Old Business

Faculty Survey – Ed Westerman – 10 minutes presented findings from a survey of faculty members to identify concerns. According to constitution, committee for faculty merit increase exists. Ed Westerman moved tabling committee appointments due to low attendance. Second by Claire Nolasco. Carried.

Formation of Subcommittee on Dean's List/Provost's List – 5 minutes – Senators discussed a request by the provost to develop procedures for one or more honor rolls. After discussion of whether or not this was an appropriate task for the Faculty Senate, whether or not each college should set their own criteria, concerns about inconsistent grading standards, dissatisfaction with the current criteria for cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude recognition, and the question of whether or not honors recognition should be limited strictly to GPA, Dr. Brantley called for a motion to create an ad hoc committee to investigate and recommend honor roll processes and criteria. Motion was made and seconded. Motion passed with two abstentions. Dr. Westerman volunteered to chair the ad hoc committee.

At this point Dr. Nolasco had to leave the group, taking the session below quorum. Open discussion continued on a request from IT regarding ongoing communication with Faculty Senate, revisions to the President's Circle Research Grant, and replacement of a library senator, all of which will be included on the next senate agenda.

The meeting was adjourned

Next meeting: December 6, 2013