

Faculty Senate

Meeting: 10/02/12

Senators in attendance: Chrismon, Miller, Morgan, Grigsby, Loving, Batt, Creech, Birdsong, Hammons, Whaley, Ha-Birdsong and Lucas

Minutes

Minutes are posted on the 'I' drive. October minutes approved and seconded by Pat and Sidney.

President's Report

Chip and Jeff reported that a consultant firm will be hired to determine the future direction of NEO. Facility upgrades are a high priority, energy consultant were hired last year, elevators in Shipley scheduled during Christmas break. They are upgrading a parking lot on south end of campus across from the new dorms. The wireless internet has been updated in Russell and Vann Halls. They are upgrading bathrooms, lighting and kitchenettes in the dorms.

Financial Report

Check signers will be the treasurer, secretary and president.

Senators at large

Still need two members from Agriculture and Natural Sciences area.

Old Business

Personal leave is still pending and Human Resources will be consulted about if we can legally begin the process.

Seonae brought research from some classes that are being taught off campus in high schools. This issue was brought forward last meeting and there is concern about the curriculum taught. There are blended classes with college credit students and non-college credit students. More information is needed to address Dr. Hale with the issue. Are the classes open to all students that have not met criteria, are they three hours and are they open to public that qualify, also do they get double pay? You must have eighteen graduate hours to teach adjunct at high school.

New Items

Delays in financial aid is still a problem. There is concern that Higher One refunds are not meeting the student's needs. Is Higher One the holdup on financial aid? Students feel they need more information.

CASA issues; frustration with missed enrollment or enrolled improperly. Committee was formed to research CASA and solutions. Committee consist of; Mark Grigsby, Mary Susan Whaley and David Loving.

Late enrollment – Recommendation, no enrollment after first week, seconded and vote carried. Retention will increase if this is passed and we can offer more second eight

week classes if someone is serious about enrolling. We will request information from Michelle about enrollment during the second eight week classes and their success.

Retirement incentives – Should be consistent year in year out with at least insurance

Grade Check system – Are coaches using to help students get their grades up and succeed in class? Who has to have their grades checked to participate in activities?