

Faculty Senate

Meeting: 10/07/2014 8:00am

Senators in attendance: Birdsong, HaBirdsong, Hammons, Morgan, Grigsby, Batt, Whaley, Miller and Lucas

Minutes

Minutes from April 2014 and September 2014 meetings were accepted and 2nd

President's Report

Plans on hold for upgrade of HVAC. Temperature limit in some of the reconstructed/new buildings cannot be changed. A new NEO sign is in place with directions to the college. Dr. Hale supported the recommendation for no new enrollment during the 2nd week of enrollment. Faculty Senate will need to write and send a recommendation to Dr. Hale. College catalogs have been printed and distributed.

Financial Report

None

Old Business

Printing Faculty Handbook – only 18 replied 'yes' for a copy, will ask for 25 copies. Sidney researched printing outside NEO and the cost was estimated at \$300 and it was denied to go elsewhere.

New Items

- 1) Faculty Senate develop and send recommendation to Dr. Hale regarding no new student enrollment during the 2nd week of fall and spring semester. David made the motion and Jeff 2nd that this should be a recommendation. The recommendation must go to SBG to inform them of the new policy. Recommendation was; in order to increase retention of students, no new student could enroll during the 2nd week of enrollment, however currently enrolled students could change their schedules but must be approved by instructor of the class.
- 2) Faculty Senate Bylaws and Faculty Association Constitution – this is just an oversight in name. Discussed during meeting that the Bylaws are for the Senate not the entire Faculty Association and the name should remain the same.
- 3) Sabbatical discussion – Wording of hours required to take during leave was discussed. Faculty handbook 6.3 Sabbatical Leave is worded 'minimum of twelve hours a semester' recommend to change that to 'minimum of six hours a semester for graduate studies'. This will be revisited before the next Faculty handbook revision.
- 4) December Commencement ceremony – Need numbers to decide if this will be taken to Dr. Hale.
- 5) Annual Faculty Assembly and Survey - Saturday, November 1, from 10:00 to noon at the State Regents office, Sidney cannot go and would like to know if anyone wants to go in her place. There is a survey for all faculty at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8SBCMQN>.

Additional Items

At the State of the College address there was mention of a stipend, is it going to happen? Numbers aren't in yet.

When athletics are dropped from a team what does that do to our retention numbers? We need a report to track that type of information.

Request to adjourn and 2nd by all. Adjourned at 9:02am.