

Faculty Senate Minutes

February 12, 2010

I. Call to Order and Presidential Comments

- Karen Anglin commented that she would like administration to involve Faculty Senate more frequently when drafting or modifying policies.

II. Approval of Minutes from Jan. 12, 2010 Meeting

- The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Parliamentary Comments

-Stan Kubicek reviewed a few basic rules related proper Senate procedure. He reminded faculty that each member must obtain the floor (be recognized by the chair) before speaking. When they are recognized, they should stand, identify themselves, and address their comments directly to the chair.

IV. Committee reports

a. Constitution Committee

- The Constitution Committee has received several ideas about possible modifications to the constitution. Suggestions include electronic voting and the creation of a smaller voting body (one vote per division by their Senator, which is the way the COD operates). The committee has not formally met to recommend any modifications to the document, but is considering the possibility of polling the faculty to find out their views on the suggestions.

b. Evaluation Process Committee

- Robert Nelson reported that there are many similar efforts related to evaluation occurring (the rotation issue, the DC hiring process, the appeal process). For the review of DCs by faculty, many faculty do not have confidence that their comments are anonymous. In general there is not very much faculty participation in the process. Faculty responses of their DCs are not used as a formal part of the DC evaluation by administration. Additionally, the DC evaluation form is not specific to their position, but is the same form used to evaluate profession staff.

c. Parking

-Chief Free is still concerned about the parking issue and students are still complaining.

d. HB 2504 Committee

- Erin Maxey-Wilhite reported that the college is going to mandate that the syllabus and CV of faculty members be completed before the end of the semester. Afterward, some faculty commented regarding the requirement for a standardized vitae.

V. Committee Appointments

A. Hiring Committee

-Erin- Maxey-Wilhite volunteered to join the existing committee. Grady Hendricks will convene the first meeting of the Hiring Committee to determine who will serve as chair.

B. Privacy Act/Confidentiality Committee

- The need for a Privacy Committee was discussed and comments made about various avenues that might be taken to explore faculty rights related to privacy. After brief discussion, Jay Nabors, William Angelette , and Sonia Gangotena volunteered to serve on the committee. Jay Nabors will serve as interim chair until the committee meets to elect their chair.

C. Shared Governance Committee

The Senate discussed the desire to continue to pursue improved communication and participation of faculty in the administrative process. The following faculty volunteered to serve on the committee: Nilsa Perez, Jay Nabors, Grady Hendricks, Karen Anglin, Erin Maxey-Wilhite, and Steve Rathbone.

VI. New Proposals and Resolutions

A. A resolution to recognize the service of Joe Kingcade to Blinn College passed unanimously. The Bryan Natural Science Division will plant a tree in his honor.

B. A resolution to recognize Bobbie Dietrich for her service to Blinn College passed unanimously. If approved by administration, her portrait will be placed in the O'Donnell Center at the entrance to the MRW Theatre.

VII. Announcements

The date for the next meeting was discussed and announced to be Friday April 9th.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting - The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.