

Faculty Senate Meeting

September 17, 2024

Room 2214, 5:00 PM

Call to Order: – Holly Martin, 5:00 PM

Roll Call:

Attending: Lee Brown, Heather Carter, Jami Casenelli, Joel Farkas (ACF rep, secretary), Craig Griffin, Greg Hill, Holly Martin (Chair), Lauri Reidmiller (Vice-Chair), Doug Rhodes, Andrew Walker (BOG rep)

Absent: Elizabeth Knick (Staff rep)

Visitors:

Approval of minutes from August 16, 2024 Senate Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed, without objection.

Updates:

BOG update- Andrew Walker

- BOG working through policy updates – several out for public comment currently. Their goal is three per board meeting. This effort is being led by the President's office.
- Transferring \$5 million dollars from cash reserve for ITC project. There was a donation of \$10 million dollars. The total cost for the ITC is \$30 million dollars. There will be a capital campaign for this project.
- There is currently \$29-31 million dollars in cash reserve.
- There will be an event structure built behind the main campus. There is no set design yet but is estimated to cost about \$1.8 million dollars.
- There are some other deferred maintenance projects being discussed.

ACF Representative- Joel Farkas

No updates at this time.

Old Business

There was a discussion of a stipend release form. Holly revised and distributed a form for discussion. It was well received.

There was a discussion of contact hours for labs, simulations, and other non-lecture instruction. It was mentioned that some areas are given 1 contact hour per hour in the

classroom for labs, while others are not. Possible reasons were discussed, such as prep and grading time. It was discussed that there may be some inequities here. There were also concerns that certain activities, like nursing simulation and teaching observations are very dissimilar from math, English or science labs, and that not all 'labs' should be weighted equally in our teaching loads. It was decided that divisions should discuss.

There was a brief discussion of supplemental, overload and summer contracts. The concern is that the contract rate is based solely on the instructor's degree, and ignore experience or rank.

Results are back from the HLC visit. It went very well. There were no major areas of concern. We were all commended for our work.

There was a brief discussion of student evaluations.

New Business:

There was discussion of priorities for the year. Faculty development week continues to be a concern. Faculty appreciate more relevant sessions, and a consolidated schedule that leaves whole days open for independent work.

There was a brief discussion of performance-based raises, but mostly we were asked to think about our ideas for the future meetings.

Upcoming Meetings

October 15, 5PM, Room 2214

November 19, 5PM, Room 2214

December 17, 5PM, Room 2214

Adjournment- Holly Martin, 7:00 PM

Submitted: Joel Farkas, Secretary