

Minutes
ENMU Faculty Senate
February 1, 2018
3:30 to 5:00pm
Sandia Room
APPROVED

Roll Call: Present (24): Acheson-Brown, Shephardson (voting alternate for Beck), Beinlich, Bellin-Oka, Birky, Erf, Durand, Finley, Flores, Haney (voting alternate for Gandonou), George, Greene, Cooper (voting alternate for Hardin and Lingnau), Lee, Cradock (voting alternate for Liu), Mitchell, Owens, Pasko, Roller, Shaughnessy, Sherwood, Starr, Sumption, Swafford

Absent: (1): Ryan

Guests: None

Reading and approval of the minutes:

Motion to approve minutes with amendments (Roller/George)

Passed with 1 abstention

Administrator's Report:

Dr. Elwell: not present

Dr. Laurenz: We are currently in a state legislative session. The economy has recovered some and the legislature is looking at adding new money to higher education. They will add 1% of new money to us (\$500K to \$1 million) and we will be back to the funding level we had in 2008. There will be a 2% raise in pay for us (1.4% in real terms). We still have \$8 million recommended to us in bond money for Roosevelt Hall renovation.

Census Day—we are at around +2.5%, mostly due to dual enrollment and non-degree-seeking students. We are down 3% in grad enrollment. We are even with last spring in terms of semester credit hours.

Minimum online course standards and best practices—accreditation implied some of our courses were correspondence-type. Seeking feedback on minimum standards.

General Education standardization will not be finalized until about May. There will be 6 hours defined by the state and 9 hours by each institution. These 9 hours should be the same at all three campuses. We need broad input from the campus community, which should run through the Gen Ed committee.

There is a sabbatical policy in the Faculty Handbook, but there has not been funding for 25 years. We are going to request a budget line for 3-4 sabbaticals per year. If approved, we will work on prioritization and the process will start in the fall (i.e., this budget cycle).

Greene asked if Quality Matters would be the standard against which online courses were judged, as the document referred to QM under its standards column. Laurenz responded no, QM was used because that's what we are familiar with.

Faculty Senate Reports:

Treasurer: We have \$500 for supplies. Normally, we cannot use that money until the last meeting of the year for refreshments, but we used some for this meeting and the budget is now at \$423.83. We have \$426 for work study, but the Senate has not hired a student since 1998.

Curriculum Committee: Will meet Monday, Feb. 5th.

Distance Education and Outreach Committee: Will meet Feb. 7th to begin planning training and fall back to school activities.

Elections Committee: Chunchao Lane was reappointed as CLAS representative to the Technology Committee by unanimous vote (motion—Pasko, second—Birky), as this committee requires a computer science representative.

Faculty Grievance Committee: No report.

Faculty Personnel and Handbook Committee: No report.

Faculty Research and Instructional Development Committee: Met Jan. 31st. The call for proposals for Internal Research Grants went out today, and proposals will be due March 30th. Money has been increased (up to \$5K each for grants), but submissions are down.

General Education Committee: Will meet Feb. 12th to discuss the 9 gen ed credits defined by the institution.

Program Review Committee: No report.

Undergraduate Admissions and Standards Committee: Met Jan. 9th. There were 13 petitions for readmission and 7 were approved.

Ad Hoc Student Evaluations Committee: Waiting for information from COB all-online evaluation pilot. Will meet after that information is available.

Ad Hoc Intellectual Property Rights Committee: Nothing to report.

University Standing Committees:

Assessment: Nothing to report

Budget and Planning: Will meet Feb. 21st.

University Council: Met and discussed items in VPAA's report today. Students are lobbying for a 2.7 GPA for the lottery. There was a change in moving expense documentation procedure that was solely clerical. Will meet again Feb. 26th.

Student Senate:

Met last week. There was a lobbying trip to Santa Fe. Proposals for changes to lottery scholarships were 1) change the GPA, 2) make them needs-based, 3) give students their lottery amount up front, and 4) have students pay their own educational expenses and then reimburse them. There is a bill in the state legislature to make the amount solid instead of a percentage.

President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mission and Vision Statements:

Looking for more feedback from constituents. Please bring comments back next meeting.

Discussion:

Flores: Diversity paragraph in Vision Statement should include gender.

George: The two statements need to be compressed.

New Business:

Minimum Online Course Standards:

Please email document to your constituents.

Discussion:

Greene: It should be clearer that Quality Matters is an example and not a standard. This was seconded by Mitchell and Bellin-Oka.

Acheson-Brown: These should be suggestions and not standards. They could potentially be used to violate academic freedom.

Greene: Some online courses are correspondence courses, but this document doesn't address that. It also doesn't address academic honesty for online exams.

Swafford: We should look at the bigger picture. These are general guidelines so that students are meeting the outcomes we set. We should use what is useful and applicable and not treat them as prescriptions.

George: Some students take online courses because they don't have to do much work.

Pasko: We should determine the intent of the document.

Starr: The premise of the document is not totalitarian, but if it comes off like that, it should be revised.

Acheson-Brown: If there are courses like George mentioned, then that's an abdication of professional responsibility. FEC committees should be overseeing this.

Flores: The university has invested a lot of money in Quality Matters.

Pasko: We should ask the chair of the committee, Linda Weems, to attend a senate meeting to discuss the intent of the document. Will it be used to assess online courses? Will it be used in program review? Seconded by Mitchell.

Cradock: The document was drafted in response to HLC feedback to generate discussion only.

Faculty Senate Budget

Flores: Melissa Broz wants us to discuss with Dr. Laurenz. Her concern was why do we need it? We should look back at the archives to determine why it was given to us.

Mitchell: We don't know when we might need it. We shouldn't give back money allocated to us.

Greene: We should ask former Faculty Senate presidents. *Durand* indicated it was to help the Senate Secretary with paperwork before paperless keeping of records.

Greene: Who controls the budget? *Starr* indicated it was the VPAA. *Greene* felt we should consider a resolution for us to control our own budget.

Constituent Question:

Flores noted we had fewer days off this Xmas break than last year (23 vs. 29). A constituent would like to know how those decisions are made. *Starr* will get an answer.

Discussion:

Greene: We should discuss the issue of having class on MLK Day in the future.

Flores: In the past, staff objected to having another day off so soon after Winter Break, and Monday-only classes would lose one whole day for the semester. The explanation was that if students were already on campus for MLK Day, then they would participate, which they were not likely to do if it were not the first day of the semester.

Greene: But if it is the first day of the semester, you can't publicize it anyway.

Flores: There were more student marchers this year, and hopefully the breakfast will gain traction. We are treating it as a day on instead of a day off.

Announcements:

None.

Motion to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. (Cradock/Sherwood)
Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bellin-Oka,
Faculty Senate Secretary