

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES-FINAL

JAN 16, 2020

3:30 PM----4:41 PM

CUB Aztec Room

Present: Beinlich, Brust, Crockett, Kuhlmann, Duni, Duarte, Owens, Nhat Ho (for Haney), Lingnau, Pollock, Schuler, Senn, Shaughnessy, Thompson, Tian, Shepardson, Stanley, Waldo, Wallace,

Absent: Donohue, Finley, Wall, Zhang, Miller (has been replaced by Richard Guerra for rest of term)

Administrators Present: President Elwell, VPAA Laurenz

1) Quorum was established.

2) Motion to approve agenda- by Senn, Seconded by Thompson- Unanimous- Agenda Adopted.

3) Minutes of 12/5/2019- reviewed- Motion by Beinlich to adopt Seconded by Duarte . All approved with Senn and Ho Abstaining- Minutes Approved.

4) Administrators Report- Dr. Elwell welcomed everyone back. He explained he would be missing next three meetings due to commitments in Santa Fe, and the legislature. Reported on ECE (Early Childhood Education) Initiatives of Governor and "free college" and "free tuition" and related issues. Elwell reported on concerns of the various Presidents across the state. Logistics were addressed. There are concerns as to "sustainability" of these things. Reported on capital outlays and the issue of legalizing cannabis. Elwell also reported on "Good News" 2.4% retention and increase of student enrollment. 2.6% increase from last year.

The New Athletic Director will be introduced soon at a future event on Saturday. Matt Billings has extensive experience (Portland State, Idaho State, Boise State etc.)

Elwell reported on various events on Martin Luther King Day both on campus, in the community and in Clovis- and indicated ENMU representation- as he has commitments in Santa Fe. Comments about long range planning for Monday night classes in 2021 were discussed, since next year, the semester will start the Tuesday after the MLK holiday.

Elwell did request feedback regarding temperature in the various buildings. Expressed concern about weather in the next day or so- rain, sleet, snow etc. There may be a "delayed opening" depending on weather conditions.

VPAA Laurenz discussed various initiatives in the Spring- specifically the LMS (Learning Management Systems) being reviewed- Blackboard Ultra, Canvas, and Desire to Learn. Requested feedback from faculty regarding decision to be made in late Spring. Hopes to pilot the system in Fall 2020.

These learning platforms face "end of life" where companies stop supporting the platform and upgrade.

Discussed 4 year report to Higher Learning Commission- due 2021. For those interested in being on the committee to write the report, contact Dr. Laurenz.

Discussed I.R. and dates for time lines for student evaluations. Some concern expressed by faculty senators about the time it takes to get the evaluations back from IR.

Discussed a workshop to assist faculty to prepare for tenure and promotion decisions. Interested faculty should contact him. The information to be contained in FEC portfolio was discussed.

CONAHEC was briefly discussed- this is a faculty exchange program. Dr. Laurenz is hopeful to get several applications from interested faculty.

Faculty Senate Reports

1) Treasurer Report- No Change

2) Curriculum Committee- Waldo reported first meeting next Monday- materials should be available.

3) Distance Learning- Has Not Met.

4) Elections- Cindy Miller is no longer on that committee, replaced by Stephanie Beinlich. Elections and appointments for 2020-2021 committees/councils must be completed by 02/15/20, according to our by-laws. She is contacting the Election Chairs for each college to get out requests for nominations for appointments, and to hold elections for positions that will open, beginning the fall semester of 2020.

5) Faculty Grievance- No Report

6) Faculty Personnel and Handbook- No Report

7) Faculty Research and Instructional Development- Shaughnessy is in contact with Gillian Gordon and several members of the committee. Planning is on-going.

8) General Education- Duarte reported the committee met on Monday; Chemistry is being reviewed as well as approximately 60 courses with due dates in July.

9) Program Review- no report

10) UARC---Recently met, Haney chaired, Shaughnessy attended, several appeals were reviewed and students notified as to outcome.

11) Ad Hoc Student Evaluation- In Progress- New Format for Student Evaluation of Teachers

12) Ad Hoc Martin Luther King committee- Geni Flores sent out an e-mail to members with update.

13) Assessment- Nothing to report

14) Budget and Planning- to meet next week-

15) University Council- to meet in 2 weeks

Presidents Report- No report.

Old Business: One sheet of paper "Requested Content Inclusion for the Annual Report of the Athletics Dept to Faculty Senate" was distributed and discussed. Some faculty raised a variety of issues regarding student attendance, advising, feedback .regarding student grades (mean, median, mode) etc. Face to

face classes were discussed versus online classes, which some faculty felt were more appropriate for student -athletes.

New Business- Stephanie Beinlich is the new "Elections Chair" representative and has contacted Elected Chair representatives in each college. (See above content in Faculty Senate Reports.)

The next faculty Senate Meeting will be held in Golden Student Success Center on Feb 6th, at 3:30. Please note change in location. We will return to the CUB for subsequent meetings.

Hannah Stout, student representative will be traveling to Santa Fe to lobby regarding demolition of Bernie Hall, access ID, cards, and tracking of doors and campus security.

Shepardson provided information on developments regarding filming in New Mexico.

The question was raised as to whether there was an Ad Hoc Athletic Committee or if one is needed. Discussion ensued regarding policies and procedures versus academic report and data as to which takes preference/importance. Some issues regarding attendance, excused absences of student athletes were discussed.

Brust motioned to adjourn at 4:41p.m. seconded by Lingnau- Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Michael F. Shaughnessy