

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY NOV 7, 2019
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 P.M.
Sandia Room

1) Roll Call:

Present: Robert Stokes for Erik Stanley, Zhang, Donohue, Finley, Beinlich, Brust, Crockett, Ho (for Haney) Kuhlmann, Lingnau, Liu (for Duni) Pollock (for Liu) Shepardson, Colt Owens (for Mazid) Schuler, Senn, Shaughnessy, Tian, Wall, Waggoner (for Thomson) Sweeten, Wallace.
Hannah Stout- Student Body Representative

Absent: Duarte, Miller, Waldo

2) In the absence of Vice President Waldo, it was suggested that President Kuhlman conduct the meeting. No objections.

3) Motion to accept agenda made by Sweeten-seconded by Wall. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Reading and Approval of Minutes: Brust suggested some minor editing (that the Student Evaluation document sent to Dr. Laurenz was a draft).

Senn moved to approve, seconded by Brust. Minutes were approved as amended.

Wall, Stokes, Sweeten and Ho abstained. Motion carried.

4) Administrators Report- President Elwell was not present, but Vice President Laurenz indicated that he was currently reviewing FEC files and faculty accomplishments. Thanked faculty for all their time and effort put forth into the process. No new issues/items brought forward.

5) Faculty Senate Reports

Treasurer's Report--No Change.

Curriculum Committee –No report.

Elections Committee-

Melissa Harden will represent Graduate Faculty on Academic Assessment Committee. The CFA position on Distance Learning Committee has been filled and a second election is underway in CET to " fulfill the position that Dr. Swafford had on the Distance Learning Committee. He stepped down due to accepting a new responsibility as the Department Chair for the Agriculture, Food Science and Kinesiology Department." (report sent via e-mail by Senator Miller)

Faculty Grievance Committee- No one available to report- No Report.

Faculty Personnel and Handbook Committee- Has not met.

Faculty Research and Instructional Development Committee-- Shaughnessy is Chair - has not met. No Report.

General Ed Committee- (report send via e-mail from Senator Miller) " Met on October 28 and reviewed 5 science courses up for General Ed recertification by the State., We made some recommendations for each of these courses that were sent to the Department Chair before they are ready to be sent to the state for recertification. Next meeting is on Nov 11th at 3:15 p.m.

Program Review Committee- No Report

Undergraduate Admissions and Standards Committee No Report

Ad Hoc student Evaluation Committee - No Report

Ad Hoc MLK Holiday Committee- Presented by Geni Flores on behalf of the committee. (See new business.)

Announcements- Senators were asked to consult with constituents regarding the information that they would like regarding student-athletes. A brief review of the history of the NCAA report followed.

Assessment- No Report

Budget and Planning- No Report

University Council- Passed Dress Code. A brief discussion followed. Managers can address issues. Final Copy in Revision

President's Report: President Kuhlman reported that the EAB Resolution regarding EAB Navigate was sent with letter to Dr. Elwell, as he is the most appropriate person to act and respond to the resolution. It was requested that he read/review/respond within 30 days. Dr. Elwell indicated that Core staff would be consulted.

New Business: Geni Flores reported on the work of the MLK committee and the letter that was distributed with suggestions. Apparently, some students approached the Board of Regents requesting that classes be cancelled on MLK day in 2021. Discussion followed. There was some concern and discussion about points 3b and 3f. It was clearly indicated that regarding point "3b" - this was to be entirely voluntary. Regarding point "3f" some discussion ensued regarding this issue.

Senator Miller sent via e-mail the following in this regard:

" I have received a concern by two of our department faculty regarding the MLK Proposal. They believe further discussion is needed for "f" as there are possible outcomes not foreseen and asked the following questions:

"Will the signs be in designated areas with announcements and advertised month(s) ahead of time. As some student/staff/community may not be aware of the purpose of the signs. With social media as it is, this could set the university for an unexpected media focus if posted out of context."

These issues were discussed in the presence of Geni Flores. She states that the committee will meet again before the next Faculty Senate meeting and she will return to the next meeting with amendments to the original plan.

Further discussion regarding MLK Day was tabled until next meeting.

New Concern- Work Study: Senator Beinlich brought up issues regarding "work study" There were some concerns voiced as to procedures and processes and resultant difficulties for both students and faculty who rely on work study personnel in their offices. There was some indication that there have been some changes in paperwork processes and logistical issues. Major concern is " how the system works" and what can be done to make it more fluid and expedite student receipt of funds and allocation. Dr. Kuhlman stated that she would bring this up in the Core Staff meeting later this month.

Motion to adjourn by Sweeten seconded by Brust. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Shaughnessy
Secretary