

Minutes for Faculty Senate Meeting 12/5/17

Attendance

Members

Amy Godfrey Business, Donna Long L&L, Jim Davis Business, Deb Hemler Nat. Sci., Mark Flood Nat. Sci., Mike Ransom Behavioral Science, Mark Wolf Tech, Aimee Richards SOFA, Tom Cuchta Math and CS, Robin Payne Soc. Sci., Dan Eichenbaum SOFA, Steven Roof Academic Affairs, Harry Baxter ACF, Gina Fantasia Academic Affairs, Amanda Metcalf SOEHHP, Dominique Cuccaro SGA, Budd Sapp BOG

Guests

Stephen Jones Interim President, Mirta Martin President Elect and Office of the President, Robyn Shannon Assessment and Planning, Amy Sidwell HHP, Joseph Riesen CSM, Kim Derico Nursing and Curriculum Committee Chair, Julie Furrow Nursing, Theresa Jones Nursing, Cindy Curry HR, Jack Kirby Academic Affairs, Chris Lavorata Academic Affairs,

Meeting gaveled to order at 3:00 PM by Amanda Metcalf as Acting Chair

- I. Reading and approval of minutes of November 14, 2017 meeting

Minutes of previous meeting approved pending Changes

- II. Announcements/Information/Discussion

Budd Sapp

BOG meeting December 7, 2017 at Caperton Center

Interest in policy drafts, there is a 30 day comment period. Open to discussions on whether to increase the comment period

Some concern expressed that the 30 days are over Winter Break

President Jones

- President Jones is grateful for his time here at Fairmont State.
- He commends the faculty, staff, and students for making Fairmont the great place it is.
- We need to innovate in recruiting
- Faculty and staff have met to go over ideas and have presented recruitment ideas

President-Elect Mirta Martin

- Dr. Martin has visited all of the schools of the university listening to Fairmont's thoughts
- We are the "magic pill" to tell Fairmont's story and increase student enrollment.
- We have a goal to increase enrollment by 8% roughly 300 students

- We are 13% ahead of where we were last year and retention is key to keep up student numbers. Students seem happy with Fairmont's faculty but we as faculty need to step up our efforts in order to achieve better retention and recruitment.
- She wishes us all a happy Holidays and looks forward to us all working together with her for the benefit of Fairmont.
- Dr. Martin emphasized that we will be a presence in Charleston and she will meet leaders in Charleston to emphasize our case.

Dr. Baxter

- Discussed Legislative Forum for the Fairmont faculty, staff, and students to interact with members of the State Legislature
- Our enrollment is down 5% but the Community colleges were worse with numbers down an average of 20%. Pierpont was down a larger amount with a 22% reduction in enrollment.
- HEPC discussion D/F repeat policy. Discussion has D/F repeat till the 60th hour with up to 21 credits repeatable. Further they are discussing the possibility of allowing a student who earns a "C" to be able to repeat that class.
- Financial Aid may pay for repeating a class but there are some forms of aid that will not.
- The State is trying to get sanctions placed on our financial aid through no fault of our own repealed
- Concern was expressed about HB 2559 which would allow concealed carry for firearms on campus.
- Motion was put forward for the Faculty Senate to officially oppose this and this was passed unanimously
- Annual Peer Review of program assessment reports for major and graduate programs. We will add minors this year in the Spring
- Self-evaluation for non-degree areas such as IT and the Library have started, Falcon Center is underway, and Folklife and Athletics have been completed.
- Dr. Shannon has met with her counterpart at WVU on how to provide data to faculty for program reviews and how to get data. There has been discussion of possible template specifications.

III. Unfinished Business

- None

IV. New Business

Cindy Curry

- New Legislation from the State.
- Classified staff and non-classified staff combined, classified staff no longer exists
- Doing away with seniority
- BOG is planning to set forth new rules on dismissal and progressive discipline
- Concern was raised over vagueness in the proposal especially when it comes to how insubordination is defined

V. Open Forum

- Concern that Title 7 is not in stated policy
- Math has new course numbers but the old numbers are still in some parts of the catalogue.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:55