

Fairmont State University Faculty Senate
Minutes
Meeting of May 4, 2010
Room 303 Ed.
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Present: Shields, Shaw, Alshallah, White, Cable, Webb-Dempsey, Edwards, Reneau, Kelley, Long, Hansen, Baxter, Broscious, Rogers, Huffman, Ryan, Bachlechner, Rogers, Harvey, Schooley, Jones, Ingman, and Blankenship

Guests: Rose, Lavorata, Dempsey, Crislip, Clark, Chiba

- I. Reading and approval of minutes from the April 13, 2010 meeting. Shaw made a motion to accept the minutes. Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- II. Announcements/Reports/Information
 - BOG Report – Mild reported –
 - FSU will not increase tuition for the 2010-2011 academic year.
 - All travel expenses will require documentation.
 - He reported that the BOG was reminded that the faculty has been patient and given enough. Therefore, faculty raises must be on the BOG's agenda next year.
 - Dr. Krepel will hold a meeting with faculty and staff on May 6, 2010. This meeting is to provide an informative End of the Year report on the status of the FSU
 - Student Government Report – Corey Clark reported that Student Government has a low number of members.
 - Faculty Welfare
 - White reported on the results and findings from the questions sent to Erica Harvey on issues with the large email load received by faculty. Erica Harvey provided a written Informational Report based on the results, recommendations and actions. Please see Erica's report as provided.
 - White also provided a list of suggestions, recommendations, and brainstorming notes related to a Faculty Club. Please see the report provided by the Faculty Club Sub-committee for additional information.

- Committee-on-Committees
 - Valarie Huffman as Chair of this committee provided a list of officers for the standing committees of the Faculty Senate. A motion was made by Shaw that the list of committee representatives be accepted for first reading. This motion was seconded by Long. The motion carried.

- Curriculum
 - Proposal #09-10-08 from the School of Education was introduced for second reading. Jones made a motion to accept and approve the proposal. Kelley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Presidential Perception Survey
 - Webb-Dempsey reported that the survey instrument in its current form does not relate to the President's job description. Therefore, the subcommittee revised the survey instrument to address the President's job description. A copy of the revised instrument had been provided to everyone. Kelley made a motion to accept the revised instrument and move forward with administering the survey. Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - Based on the recommendation of the current Survey Committee, Reneau made a motion to create a standing Survey Committee that would be charged with the responsibility of reviewing, administering, and reporting the findings of the survey. The members of the Survey Committee will be elected by the Academic Units. Kelley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Constitution and By-Laws Committee
 - Harvey reported on the work of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Please see the report provide for details. Action on the recommendations of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee will be held until the September 2010 meeting.

III. New Business

- Year End Committee Reports

- GS/Library
- Communications and Reading
- Personnel Committee
- Admissions and Credits
- Legal Advocacy Committee

A motion was made to accept the reports submitted by Reneau and seconded by Baxter.

- The five member committee charged with developing a list of candidates for consideration as members serving on the Faculty Senate's Executive Committee is listed below. In addition to this list President Shields asked that the floor be opened for other nominations. No additional nominations were received from the floor.

- Chuck Shields – President
- Donna Long – Vice President
- Martina Bachlechner – Secretary
- Betsy Shaw – WM
- Jaci Webb Dempsey – MAL
- Joe Blankenship – MAL
- Bob Cable – MAL
- Harvey made a motion that the nominations be closed and that the slate of officers be accepted as presented. Reneau seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- A curriculum proposal was submitted to late for review by the Faculty Senate; therefore, it will be held for action at the September meeting.

IV. Advisory Council of Faculty Report

- Hansen reported that a degree program to get students with some college credits back to college was under way in WV. Dr. Rose serves on the state committee dealing with this proposal.

V. Open Forum

- Bookstore
 - Revisions to Policy # 51 have been made and the policy has been approved by the HEPC. The BOG policy 54 will be updated based on the approved HEPC Policy #51 and submitted to the BOG.
- An open discussion was held on the idea of change related to the number of credits required for a college degree nationwide. The discussion was based on observed trends and behaviors over the past few years, and the state needed to ensure that more students graduate in four years. One of the stated items being discussed nationally is to drop the number of required credit hours from 128 to 120. This solution would be in direct conflict with programs with professional requirements like Accounting. In order for accounting students to be ready to sit for the CPA exam they are required to have completed 150 credit hours.
- Hansen stated that the Rules for the General Faculty Meetings need to be revisited. He suggested that the Constitution and By-Laws committed take this as part of their charge. Action on this item was tabled until the September 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate.
- Shields ask for a motion to adjourn. Reneau made the motion. Shields adjourned the meeting.