

Faculty Senate Minutes

September 9, 2014
303 Education Building
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Attendance: C. Shields (President), J. Alsup, J. Bolyard, C. Crislip-Tacy, C. Edwards, R. Hammonds, D. Hemler, M. Hokom, C. Kast, G. Kirby, D. Kirchoff, J. Kremer, D. Long, J. McLaughlin, D. Mensah, B. Michael, R. Mild, A. Patterson, R. Payne, S. Roof, G. Sapp, and J. Yerdon LeJeune

Visitors: M. Rose, C. Lavorata, J. Kirby, M. Ransom, and V. Dempsey

I. Reading and approval of minutes of March, April, and May 2014 meetings

It was moved by B. Sapp and seconded by D. Hemler to approve the March, April, and May 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

II. Announcements/Information/Discussion

➤ President Rose Updates

- **Dirty Energy**

- ✓ All faculty and staff should make every effort to conserve and cut down energy use whenever possible.
- ✓ While not a directive, everyone on campus has been asked to voluntarily stop using lamps, fans and portable heaters in their individual offices.
- ✓ One suggestion is to have a common room for shared devices, rather than having numerous individual coffee pots, refrigerators, and microwaves.
- ✓ All items should be unplugged when not in use and lights turned off whenever possible

- **Not Any More**

- ✓ There was much discussion and comments about the web-based training "*Not Anymore*" which was originally required for all employees (full and part-time) at FSU.
- ✓ Several of the people who completed the training, including Dr. Rose, stated that while the content is applicable for new college students, it is not designed for faculty and staff.
- ✓ President Rose stated that she is "calling a halt" to completing this particular training.

- ✓ Alternative training will be offered in order to ensure that all faculty are aware of their rights and responsibilities related to Title IX and the Clery Act. All faculty and staff will be required to complete this training when it becomes available, unless he/she has already completed the “*Not Anymore*” training.
- ✓ Students are still required to complete the training, which will help them become aware of their rights and responsibilities, as well as provide avenues to follow to obtain help. The training materials are good and the videos are appropriate for students.

- **Additional updates**

- ✓ Legislative meetings on Monday and Wednesday in Charleston.
- ✓ According to Senator Prezioso, revenue collections are down, due in large part to a decrease in the amount of coal currently being mined as well as a decrease in the amount of personal income tax money received.
- ✓ During the next legislative session, outcome-based funding will again be a topic for consideration. This could be a positive for FSU if new funds are added as an incentive. The funding method when outcome-based funding was previously discussed, was to take funds from all institutions for the base and then reallocate the money.
- ✓ Dr. John Lympany is FSU’s new Vice President and Chief Information Officer. He has an IT background and an education doctorate.
- ✓ Two new admission counselors have been hired.
- ✓ The new Director of Housing and Residential Life, Alicia Moore, is currently in the process of “cleaning up”.
- ✓ There is currently a search in progress for a new Director of Financial Aid.
- ✓ Enrollment is currently down from last year, but the official numbers will not be announced until Oct. 15. The numbers was actually higher than last year until 59 students withdrew about three weeks before classes started. During the next two weeks before the beginning of the semester, 88 more students dropped their classes. Many of these students had undeclared majors, so may not have had a clear goal for the future.
- ✓ Breakfast with the president will be continuing this school year.

- **Report from Dr. Dempsey regarding assessment**

- **TaskStream general information**

- ✓ Erica Garrett was appointed as the full-time resource person for TaskStream on Sept. 2. While her focus will be with assessment, she will be an excellent resource for all.

- ✓ The access to TaskStream will be solely FSU's after Sept. 30. At this time FSU will be contractually separated from Pierpont C & TC, so they will no longer have a presence on FSU's Task Stream site.
- ✓ FSU has a campus-wide license for TaskStream and all students now have access to the site.

- **Assessment and TaskStream**

- ✓ During the summer, 41 faculty members attended academies held for the Critical Friends Assessment Group and the feedback from the participants was very positive. Much work was accomplished in order to ensure that resources will be in place for faculty assistance.
- ✓ By Sept. 15, all units on campus will be submitting an initial report in TaskStream as a starting point for assessment.
- ✓ These reports will be reviewed/audited by the Critical Friends and the Deans
- ✓ The focus next year will be on refining, revising, strengthening, and improving.
- ✓ HLC will be at FSU in May to review the information in TaskStream. They will then return in October, 2015 to report on their findings.

- **BOG Representative - Bob Mild**

- During the August meeting, the BOG considered appropriation submissions for next year
 - ✓ Met throughout the summer related to the Housing Master Plan. Met recently with architects and are continuing to work on costs in order to meet the 28 million dollar building budget.
 - ✓ While the new College Park apartments are under construction, the current apartment will still be available for use. The new apartments will be built on the current parking lot and when completed, the old apartments will be torn down and a new parking lot will be built on the site.
 - ✓ Plans for work on the Falcon Center and the parking garage are also being reviewed.
- Arbitration will be starting between FSU and Pierpont C & TC.
 - ✓ A three person panel will be considering allocations of space and moneys. HEPC chose one member, the Community College Council chose one member, and the third member was jointly chosen by HEPC and the CCC.
 - ✓ When new bonds are purchased, they will be for FSU only

- **ACF representative – Donna Long for Sue Kelley**
 - Everyone is encouraged to speak with legislators regarding higher education and reinforce what an excellent investment education is for the people of WV.
 - S. Kelley will be retiring at the end of the semester and a new ACF representative will need to be elected.

- **Student Government – Dominik Mensa**
 - The FSU student government has taken over responsibility for the Nest, which has moved from the library and is now located at the Falcon Center. Any donations will be gladly accepted.
 - Voting will be held next week for student government offices.
 - Student government is planning Big Events in order to meet more diverse needs.

- **Senate Webmaster (Article I Section 7 of FSU Senate Constitution)**
 - S. Roof has been appointed as the interim chair of the Biology, Chemistry, and Geoscience Department. According to the Faculty Senate Constitution, he will no longer be able to serve on the Executive committee and therefore will be unable to continue as the Faculty Senate Webmaster.
 - President C. Shields appointed C. Kast as the new Webmaster.

- **Presidential Perception Survey Results**
 - The participation rate for the Presidential Perception Survey was very low.
 - Dr. Rose has received the results and they are now available for faculty to view.

III. Unfinished Business

- **Major business**
 - **Common Book Committee - Ad hoc or standing committee of the Senate?**
 - ✓ B. Mild moved to accept for first reading, the proposal to make the Common Book Committee a standing committee.
 - ✓ A common book for all students to read can be a valuable and important unifying and intellectual experience.
 - ✓ After discussion, the vote was unanimous to accept for first reading, the proposal to make the Common Book Committee a standing committee.

- ✓ Further consideration will be given at a later date regarding how members of this committee will be chosen. Until that time, it will continue as an ad hoc committee until the changes are made. Due to time constraints, for this year, a volunteer from each unit is requested. Names of volunteers should be sent to C. Shields as soon as possible.
- ✓ All faculty are encouraged to use “The Price of Justice”, the current common book, in their classes. The author, Lawrence Lemer, will be on campus Oct. 9 from 12:30 – 1:30, to discuss how faculty can incorporate use of the book in their classrooms.

- **Committee on Committees Report (second reading)**

D. Long moved to accept the Committee on Committees report for the second reading. The motion was seconded by B. Sapp and after no further discussion was approved. J. LeJeune and C. Shields will send the list out to the deans.

IV. New Business – no new business

V. Open Forum

- D. Long announced that West Virginia author Jayne Anne Phillips, who has received acclaim for her novel “Quiet Dell” and other works, will speak on the Fairmont State University campus on Thursday, Sept. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Falcon Center third floor conference rooms.
- The first festival of music will be held on campus this Saturday and Sunday. The participants are from several states and will present six concerts. The cost will be \$5.00 per concert or \$20.00 for all six concerts.

Next Meeting October 14, 2014
Rm. 303 ED
3:00-5:00 p.m.

*If you have items for the agenda please send your request to Chuck Shields (Charles.Shields@fairmontstate.edu) by Tuesday morning October 7, 2014 for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted by:
Gale Kirby, Faculty Senate Secretary

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