

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes November 14, 2011, 4:30 pm Senate Chambers

Members Present –M. Arndt, M. Baggarly, C. Beauchamp, S. Boyd, J. Brickey, T. Brinthaupt, L. Burriss, B. Canak, L. Clark, C. Cooper, L. Craig-Unkefer, W. Cribb, J. Dooley, L. Dubek, T. Farwell, P. Fischer, G. Freeman, C. Harris, R. Heinrich, R. Henderson, M. Hinz, R. Hoffman, P. Kelly, Z. Khan, M. Knight, A. Lutz, S. Mangrum, K. Mathis, K. N. Nofsinger, G. Pisut, M. Rice, C. Rosenmuller, L. Selva, P. Wall, M. Weller, P. West Osterfield, D. Winborn, G. Zlotky

Members Absent – R. Clark, S. Daugherty, T. Greer, C. Li, F. Miyakawa, D. Patterson, S. Rawls, C. Stephens

Members Excused - N. Callender, K. Butler, K. Darby, J. Maynor

Additional Attendees – Watson Hannah Harris, Willis Means, Deb Sells

Agenda

- 1. Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Travel \$-175.55
 - b. Operating Expenses \$1,942.45
 - c. Foundation Account \$430.89
- 3. Watson Hannah Harris: Changes to the Summer School Schedule
 - a. She began by discussing the upcoming changes to the 2011-2012 summer calendar. She officially apologized for the oversight of leaving faculty out of the decision-making process regarding the summer calendar changes.
 - b. Because the changes have already been implemented for the 2011-2012 summer session, the scheduling center informed her that it was too late to make further changes. However, there have been some exceptions made for some departments.

- c. She is happy to accept recommendations from faculty for the 2012-2013 summer calendar. Those recommendations should be forwarded to her by the end of this summer.
- 4. Willis Means: The Financial Aid Appeals Process Changes
 - a. The change in the financial appeals process was discussed. Effective July 1, 2011, students are no longer provided the opportunity for an inperson appeal until after the second appeal. Student athletes, however, are allowed an in-person appeal immediately.
 - b. There is concern that faculty have been removed from the process until the final stage. In addition, the policy seems be discriminatory favoring student athletes.
- 5. Deb Sells: The Financial Aids Appeals Process Changes
 - a. The purpose of the change in the financial aid appeals process was to expedite the process so that hundreds of students will not have to wait until a few days before classes begin to get a response. This is placing a huge burden on those that may need to find alternative means of funding.
 - b. The appeals process was moved to the Loans and Scholarship committee to resolve this issue, not to remove faculty from the process.
 - c. She is waiting for a recommendation from Faculty Senate regarding a better solution.
 - d. There was a motion made, and properly seconded.
- 6. FRCAC Funding-
- 7. New Business

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Henderson 2009-2012 BCEN Faculty Senate Representative

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