NWACC Faculty Senate, 2012-2013
Minutes from Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, January 25, 2013
Burns Hall 1444

Bryan Aguiar, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm

Present: Bryan Aguiar, Scott Byrd, LeAnn Caudle, Nathan Crowder, Amelia Jackson, Jacqueline Jones, Melissa Jordan, Stephanie Lewis, Diana Nagel, Chris Neyland, Carol Olson (proxy for Christina Smith), Karen Tinker-Walker, Chris Valentine, Wendi Williams, Dave Wilson

I. **Information Item**

Scholarship update—presented by Jasmine Pope

- Spring semester is scholarship application period with dates of February 4 through March 11
- Reminder that application procedure is online which generates more applications
- Need volunteers to review applications with each reviewer given a month to review 30-40 applications

II. **Attendance**

All current Faculty Senate members were present except for Jeremiah Dubbs

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of minutes from November 16, 2012, Faculty Senate meeting

Motion to approve by Jones; seconded by Nagel; approved with two abstentions

IV. **Committee Reports**

Academic Standards Committee—update by Bryan Aguiar

Dr. Gates presented a timeline for the implementation of the Academic Suspension policy during the last Faculty Business meeting

Curriculum Committee—update by Diana Nagel

- The addition of COLL 0011 SOAR was not approved during the previous Faculty Senate meeting
- The Social & Behavioral Sciences division is requesting a full-time faculty position to coordinate and teach student success courses under the psychology prefix

Faculty Evaluation/Student Evaluation Committee—presented by LeAnn Caudle

The closing dates of the online student evaluations will be changed with the six different terms striving for a closing date prior to final exams

Faculty Handbook Committee—presented by Bryan Aguiar

Committee met in October and November with the next meeting scheduled for February

Student Learning Assessment Committee—presented by Diana Nagel

- Committee will be planning Assessment Day with a focus on general education

- Committee plans to have assessment work time scheduled during Assessment Day

Emeritus/Sabbatical Leave Committee—presented by Bryan Aguiar

- Greg Kiser was awarded sabbatical leave from the three applications
- Only one sabbatical position was funded due to budget constraints

Faculty Enrichment Initiatives Committee—have not met this semester

V. **Old Business**

Possible reallocation of resources

- Bryan Aguiar attended the last Board of Trustees retreat
- College may be budgeting for a 3% enrollment decrease leading to a 6% budget cut

Bookstore issues

- Nursing department reported that a backpack kit containing nursing supplies was marked-up higher than quoted
- Psychology department reported that textbooks were selling higher than quoted
- Concern that book vouchers are dispersed late causing financial problems for students—recommendation to eliminate book vouchers
- Bryan Aguiar will meet with Tim Cornelius regarding bookstore issue concerns

VI. **New Business**

Committee on Committees—presented by Karen Tinker-Walker

- See attached addendum
- Carey Chaney is chair of committee
- Committee on Committees has a website
- Discussion regarding how committee recommendations are communicated and/or implemented
- Discussion regarding history of committees reporting to Faculty Senate
- Concern that Faculty Senate committees should not report to the College Cabinet

Commencement Committee—presented by Bryan Aguiar

- Commencement Committee proposed that graduation be held on Saturday, May 11, with graduation broken into separate ceremonies in one place in one day—could book a smaller location than the John Q. Hammons Center
- Proposal from committee was rejected and the commencement date of Sunday, May 19, was released by Public Relations with the John Q. Hammons Center location
- College cannot book a commencement date at John Q. Hammons Center until after the first of January due to the price discount that the college receives over industry
- Commencement Committee will meet again February 1

Open discussion

- Proposal in state legislature to have faculty/staff carry concealed weapons—college does not have an official position
- Remark regarding some faculty wanting tenure and unionization
- Faculty Rank policy is “on hold” with possible re-instigation

- Concern regarding some disability accommodations being unreasonable or situations being “scary”
- Concern that a “leadership vacuum” may be created on the subject coordinator level due to inconsistencies across divisions and duties being added
- Concern regarding safety/security at off-site classroom locations especially during evening hours
- Concern regarding not being able to work on campus on Sundays and holidays
- Concern regarding the authority behind the email containing surveys about proposed academic policies
- Kate Burkes and Bryan Aguiar will co-present the completely online AA degree at the next Faculty Business meeting on February 22

VI. Bryan Aguiar, Faculty Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm

Submitted by Melissa Jordan, Faculty Senate Secretary, 2012-2013