## Faculty Senate Minutes April 20, 2007

<u>Members Present</u>: Angie Albright, Greg Kiser, Mary Hubbard, JoAnn Schwader, Barbara Alexander, Carey Chaney, Karen Weeks, Conrad Krauft, Curtis Harrell, Susan Holmes, Sydnee Moyers

<u>Members Absent</u>: Stephanie Lewis, Abby Selby, Glen Keith Foster, Denise Nemec, Linda Harris, Doug Krueger

<u>Guests</u>: Jamin Snarr, Linda Lovell, Cathy McAuliffe, Leonard Schulte (representing Doug Krueger)

Angie Albright opened the meeting with an update from the Deans' Council. Audley Hall and Mike Kirk have been working on developing a college-wide academic honesty policy, to provide options, forms, and a paper trail for the faculty's protection. Greg Kiser recommended that the Senate look at the measure before it goes to faculty for a vote.

Angie also announced the new Senate officers for 2007-2008:

President: Linda Lovell

Vice President: Angle Albright Secretary: Barbara Alexander

The new Senators at Large for 2007-2008 are the following: Susan West, Stephanie Lewis, Conrad Krauft, Judy Degarmo, Curtis Harrell, Burnetta Hinterthuer.

Faculty Adjunct Represenatives: Carolyn Ford, Jo Ann Schwader

Divisional Senators are to set up the nominations and elections for their individual divisions before the end of the semester.

<u>Security</u>: In light of the recent Virginia Tech tragedy, Dick Nelson of Campus Security hopes to strengthen security at NWACC. In particular, we need a policy for responding to violence.

Angie Albright reported on Dean's Council recommendations to the Distance Learning Policy, and Susan Holmes updated us on the

Distance Learning Committee's work and recommendations. We discussed whether online classes should have a smaller class size. The Distance Learning Committee needs more faculty members, and there should be a better student evaluation process for online courses. Greg Kiser suggested that the faculty make the final decision on changes to distance learning.

<u>Technology Issues:</u> Angie shared that e-mail sent to faculty is not reaching all faculty. IT needs to finish making corrections to the e-mail lists, and the changes to Banner should help. Also, the college wants all its web pages "standard," but faculty pages will not be held to the same template. A new template will be available August 1, and everyone needs to be compliant by Jan. 1, 2008.

A position for a <u>Faculty Professional Development Coordinator</u> is now open. This person will be a faculty member who will teach one or two courses while managing professional development for faculty. Due to the shortfall from the Arkansas legislation, two or the the seven faculty positions we had hoped to fill this fall have been suspended.

Carol Olson explained the latest curriculum items (see attached). After discussion, the Senate accepted all changes recommended by the Curriculum Subcommittee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hubbard NWACC Faculty Senate Secretary 2007-8

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