Faculty Senate Minutes
March 9, 2007
1:30 pm

Members Present: Angie Albright, Greg Kiser, Mary Hubbard, JoAnn Schwader, Stephanie Lewis, Barbara Alexander, Abby Selby, Carey Chaney, Karen Weeks, Glen Keith Foster, Conrad Krauft, Curtis Harrell

Members Absent: Denise Nemec, Susan Holmes, Linda Harris, Doug Krueger, Sydney Moyers

Guests: Danny Sheffield (representing Linda Harris)

Angie Albright opened the meeting by telling us about the latest Dean's Council meeting. There has been a question about whether departmental chair positions should be rotated. Currently, the deans review the chairs every two years, and then determine whether rotation is necessary or beneficial.

The Grand Marshal position will now be rotated according to seniority. This year, Deborah Terry—the first full-time instructor to be hired by NWACC—will serve as Grand Marshal at Commencement.

NWACC and NTI have agreed to partner their nursing programs. Students will now be able to complete their LPN at NTI.

To improve communication with the administration, senators recommend that we call and confirm any meeting times or policies. Angie will be meeting with Dr. Paneitz again on March 26. Angie also encouraged the senators and other faculty to meet and listen to the candidates for the Vice President of Instruction position.

The sabbatical leave policy has been approved. A revised form will be coming out to you. For spring and fall 2008, the application deadline will be Nov. 15, 2007. Angie urged all eligible faculty members to apply for this well-deserved recognition and benefit.

Stephanie Lewis then showed our web page in progress, which she will officially introduce at the faculty business meeting on Mar. 30.

The senators suggested links and tabs that would make the Faculty Senate page easy to find on the Intranet.

Committee assignments will be made every two years for the faculty. We also hope to set up a committee clearinghouse this spring.

JoAnn Schwader and Karen Weeks will be in charge of elections for next year. After the faculty have elected officers and senators at large, each division will nominate and elect its own representative. We hope that the RTC will take part in representation as well.

Carol Olson then presented various curriculum proposals (see other attachment), all of which the senate approved. The meeting ended with a reminder about the faculty banquet on April 20. Abby Selby and Angie Albright are coordinating the banquet. We hope that all interested faculty will attend to celebrate yet another successful year at NWACC.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Hubbard
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