NWACC Faculty Senate, 2011-2012

Minutes from Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, March 30, 2012
SCWT B103

Bryan Aguiar, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Present: Rachel Ackerman, Bryan Aguiar, LeAnn Caudle, Kate Coleman (proxy of Walter Hinojosa), Greg Fields, Keith Foster, Curtis Harrell, Amy Jackson (proxy for Melissa Jordan), Stephanie Lewis, Megan Looney, Diana Nagel, Christina Smith, Jeff Sprott, Judy Tobler

Guest: Kate Burkes

I. Attendance
All current Faculty Senate members were present except for Wendi Williams and Natasha Washington.

II. Approval of Minutes
Approval of minutes from February 17, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting.
Motion to approve made by LeAnn Caudle; seconded Rachel Ackerman; approved.

III. Committee Reports

Academic Standards Committee—See Attachment 1 for report from Academic Standards Committee. Bryan Aguiar will take committee's recommendation to Dean's Committee.

Curriculum Committee—Curtis Harrell presented the committee's change proposals.

Addition of CHIN 1003 Elementary Chinese I
Motion to approve by Diana Nagel; seconded by Kate Coleman; approved.

Revision of ART 2833 Video Production/Editing
Motion to approve by Jeff Sprott; seconded by Stephanie Lewis; approved.

Addition of FIRW 2004 Wildland Firefighter
Motion to approve by LeAnn Caudle; seconded by Diana Nagel; approved.

Revision of BAKG 2203 Baking Internship
Revision of HOSP 2203 Hospitality Internship
Motion to approve as a block by LeAnn Caudle; seconded by Judy Tobler; approved.

Revision of HOSP 1603 Introduction to Event & Meeting Management
Motion to approve by Diana Nagel; seconded by Jeff Sprott; approved.

Revision of MUSI 2001 Orchestra I

Addition of MUSI 2011 Orchestra II

Motion to approve as a block by Rachel Ackerman; seconded by Keith Foster; approved.

Addition of SCWK 2803 Responding to Survivors of Child Abuse
Addition of SCWK 2081L Responding to Survivors of Child Abuse Lab

Motion to approve as a block by LeAnn Caudle; seconded by Judy Tobler; approved.

Addition of ENSC 2912 Environmental Special Problem

Motion to approve by Judy Tobler; seconded by Diana Nagel; approved.

Addition of ENTR 2033 E-Commerce

Motion to approve by Rachel Ackerman; seconded by Christina Smith; approved.

Faculty Evaluation Committee—LeAnn Caudle mentioned that the deans made some minor revisions to the form/process; the document is a compromise. Bryan Aguiar thanked the committee for the work completed.

Motion to approve the form by Curtis Harrell; seconded by Rachel Ackerman; approved.

Faculty Handbook Committee—Bryan Aguiar said he is working on putting updated handbook online and is looking for a chair for the committee.

Student Learning Committee—Diana Nagel reported she is working to ensure people are trained in TracDat. The committee is working on an all-over assessment plan for college.

Emeritus/Sabbatical Leave Committee—See Attachment 2.

Professional Development Committee—Bryan Aguiar commented that invitations are being sent for people to be on the committee, that the committee will likely be renamed, and that the committee will possibly meet for the first time before the end of current semester.

IV. Old Business

Diana Nagel said she is receiving many nominations for next year's Faculty Senate, although no one currently has accepted a nomination for secretary. She hopes to have the general election completed by next Faculty Business meeting.

V. New Business

Stephanie Lewis brought forward concerns faculty have expressed to her. These concerns included questions about pay increases given to administrative employees and disparity of pay among academic divisions. Bryan Aguiar commented that there is a lot of misinformation about these concerns and that he believes the state committee looking into the pay increases will find that the increases came with increased job responsibilities.

Other concerns discussed by the senate included the difficulty in finding people who want to serve on Faculty Senate and a suggestion that a Faculty Senate member be a part of the Cabinet.

Curtis Harrell discussed a proposed amendment to the constitution concerning elections. The proposed amendment will be placed on wiki for senate to discuss and vote on at the next meeting.

Diana Nagel discussed senate bylaws that had previously been approved. These bylaws were included with the meeting agenda. The group also discussed the senate constitution and perhaps the need for an amendment to clarify who is eligible to be a senator. Aguiar stated he would post the bylaws on the wiki so senators could review before the April senate meeting.

Christina Smith discussed the results from AQIP Action Project 2011, Student Course Evaluation Technology Systems. The project team reviewed several systems and recommended SMART Eval as the systems for NWACC to implement. A motion was made by Jeff Sprott that the faculty senate pass a resolution in support of the adoption of the project team's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Rachel Ackerman. The senate unanimously passed the resolution.

Bryan Aguiar, Faculty Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Looney
Faculty Senate Secretary 2011-2012

Attachment 1

Academic Standards Committee

Dale Montgomery met with our committee on March 12, 2012 and asked us whether the college wants to make use of the Advocate software she has for keeping a database of students charged with cheating or plagiarism. Access can be customized so that only the VP for Learning has access, for example, or some other designated administrator.

Recommendation:
We felt that such a question is out of our purview. Committee members believe that this question should be taken to the Dean's Council. Where they can decide if they want to pursue this sort of system.

We agreed to send the idea on to the Senate (for discussion if you want to) but that possibly it should first go through the Dean's Council so that Deans and VP's can decide on it. Otherwise, we would all be wasting time on an issue that might be denied by the Deans/VP's.

Attachment 2

Sabbatical Committee

Both sabbatical proposals that were recommended to the Administration have been accepted and approved for the 2012-13 college year. Dr. April Brown and Prof. Tim McGinn have been awarded sabbatical leave to work on projects in their respective areas.

Our congratulations to our colleagues.