

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
November 13, 2015

Education Center Conference Room (104)

Attendance: Sam Peavy, Robert Bennett, Queen Brown, Lee Dalzell, Chadwick Gugg, Rebecca Mathews Gee, Mark Laughlin, Jamie MacLennan, Yangil Park, Brian Parkinson, Laurel Robinson, Rebecca Short, Thomas Weiland, Vice President Brian Adler (Ex-Officio), President Charles Patterson (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Courtney McDonald

Guests: Cody King

1. Approval of the Minutes from the October Meeting: Dr. Sam Peavy requested approval of the October 23, 2015 minutes. Dr. Rebecca Gee made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Professor Robinson and approved.
2. Meeting with Dr. Houston Davis, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 1:00-1:20 PM: Dr. Sam Peavy asked for a member of the Faculty Senate to serve as a representative on the President's Advisory Council. Dr. Brian Parkinson agreed to serve in this capacity. Dr. Peavy also asked the Faculty Senate to compile or send to him a list of questions/topics to direct to Dr. Davis during the November 17 meeting
3. Changes to Faculty Handbook (from Business and Finance): The Office of Continuing Education no longer exists. This assignment is currently carried out by Dr. Mark Grimes, School of Business. Dr. Robert Bennett made a motion to clarify this change. The motion was seconded by Professor Robinson and approved.
4. Items from Academic Affairs: Professor Robinson made the motion to approve all items as a group. Dr. Parks seconded. Motion approved.
 - A. Deactivate Certificate in Information Technology Online (School of Computing and Mathematics).
 - B. Deactivate four CIS minors in areas of Accounting, Marketing, Management and Human Resources degrees (School of Business).
 - C. Change from WMST 2001 (Introduction to Women's Studies) to WGSS 2001 (Introduction to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies) (School of Arts and Sciences).
5. Item from Faculty Affairs:
 - A. Changes to Faculty Handbook

- a. Rental of facilities by off-campus groups (p.91, Business and Finance Committee). Professor Robinson made the motion to approve, seconded by Professor Dalzell. Motion approved.
- b. Faculty Development Grants (pp.26-29, Faculty Affairs Committee) Professor Robinson made the motion to allow this item to go before the faculty for a vote. Seconded by Dr. Bennett. Motion approved.
 - i. Eligibility for grants (p.26)
 - ii. Budget (p.28)
 - iii. Activity types funded (p.29)
- c. Assignment of Grades, appeals (p.61, Faculty Affairs Committee). Professor Robinson made the motion to allow this item to go before the faculty for a vote. Seconded by Dr. Weiland. Motion approved.
6. Addition of duties and expectations for faculty without recognition of the value delivered. After some discussion, Dr. Gugg made the motion to table this item. Dr. Weiland seconded. Motion approved
7. Albany State – Darton College merger. President Patterson and Cody King answered several questions regarding the merger, budget, faculty salary, funding sources, summer pay, etc.
 - A. Dr. Patterson reported immediate salary increases for 14 faculty and 50 staff members whose salary is below minimum.
 - B. Dr. Patterson reported continued efforts toward budget increase and salary improvement.
8. Other Items?
9. Next Meeting – January 2016