Faculty Senate Minutes

March 15th, 2013

1. Call to Order: Jim Heflin called the meeting to order 3:00pm.

Roll Call:
   b. Absent: Cova Newman, Andra Hunt, Ashley Garrett, Yingqiun Liu, Rebecca Easley, Jeff Taylor, Ellis Hooley, Mary Penick, Colten Kennedy.

2. Approve February 8th, 2013 Minutes:
   a. Jim Heflin called for the approval of the minutes for February 8th, 2013. Motion made to accept the minutes as written was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. Proposal for the appointing Faculty Senate Committee Members who are unable or ineligible to serve out a required term.
   a. The Rules Committee Meeting presented their minutes from the February 21st, 2013 meeting. Discussion ensued concerning a proposed amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution on the replacement of Faculty Senate Committee members who are unable or ineligible to serve out a required term. It was decided to table this proposal until the faculty had the opportunity to discuss this further with their colleagues at the departmental level.

4. Proposal for the appointment of University Committee Members who are unable or ineligible to serve out term.
   a. Discussion followed similar to item (3) above. It was decided to send it back to the Rules Committee in order to write a policy on how to identify those faculty members that do not attend committee meetings to which they are appointed.

5. Proposal to change the composition of representation on the Academic Standards and Policy Committee.
   a. It was recommended that four faculty would be elected at large – one from each school in order to have better representation. It was recommended that this be put as an agenda item for the next meeting.

6. Proposal to create a Faculty Communication/Program Ad Hoc Committee.
   a. Still working on it. The idea of the committee is to share teaching techniques across campus in order to aid in retention.
7. Feedback to memo from Provost McArthur for modification to the university midterm grades policy.
   a. A motion was made and seconded to support the modification to the midterm grades policy as proposed by Provost McArthur. Passed unanimously.

8. A motion was made to change the make-up of the General Education Committee. The motion was table to allow time for the faculty to take this idea back to the departments.

   a. It was discussed that this would require a constitutional amendment – discussed pros and cons. It was decided to send it to the Rules Committee.

10. President Retiree Committee Discussion.
    a. Search committee will meet March 18th, 2013.

11. Early Alert and Posting of Mid-Term Grades.

    a. None

    a. Concerts and Lectures proposal deadline has been extended to March 28th, 2013.
    b. Read the handbook before next meeting.

    a. At 4:08 PM Dr. Heflin adjourned the March 15th, 2013 meeting of the Faculty Senate.