



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: 01/12/24 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Room: Online via Teams

CALL TO ORDER: Paul Nicholson 9:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Nicholson, Karen Henderson, Joyce Walborn, Tony Wilson, Bill Hallinan, Tod Dumas, Kim Feig, John Hartman, Derrick Hauer, Rick Henry, Keri Jaynes, Veronica Mohrmann, Nathan Munn, Virginia Reeves, Seth Roby, Phillip Sawatski, Bryon Steinwand, Larry Taylor, Nolan Eggen, Cody Torres, Della Dubbe, Amy Kong

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- I. 08/25/23 minutes
 - a. Motion--Virginia
 - b. Second—Bryon
 - c. Passed

COMMUNICATIONS:

- I. From the ECOS committee, Seth Roby is serving as Senate Vice President and President-elect.
- II. Senate Budget Report: \$250 for travel and \$500 for other, no money has been spent this year. Hoping to send someone to Board of Regents meeting this spring.
- III. DCAC meetings have been revised. Seth R. has been attending on behalf of the Faculty Senate. Seth, please report.
 - a. Faculty submits agenda items and calendar items. If anyone has a concern, send to ECOS, and Seth will take it to the meeting.
- IV. The AI discussion that happened on 11/27/23 is in Vector so you can get PD credit for the event.
- V. ECOS/Advising Team discussion. This project is still in the works... A meeting will be held this spring to discuss one or two topics only. Paul encourages faculty to attend advising team discussion if possible.
- VI. LMS - All Faculty can have access to Canvas sandbox; contact Amy K.
- VII. ECOS will be conducting Admin Evaluations this spring for Robyn, Stephanie and Sandy.

VIII. Video link for training on Thursday (Universal Design) was disabled at last minute, and Paul apologized for the problem.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

APRC: No activity yet.

ASCR: John H. reported activity from fall 2023 semester.

PAC: PAC is conducting meetings again this year. Kim F. replaced Lyn. We discussed portfolios, conducted an open forum Q and A session and Bryon gave an Assessment Database training. We will continue meetings through the spring semester. All Faculty members are encouraged to attend.

Ad-hoc Holliday Cheer: We received \$480 from faculty donations that was split between Helena High School and Bryant Elementary School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

I. None

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. General Education Scheduling Work Group. ECOS formed an ad-hoc committee this fall to propose a scheduling template for General Education courses. Seth R. and Rick H. lead this group. Seth and Rick reported recent activity. Kim Feig has the draft of the schedule. It was on the last email Seth sent to faculty.
- II. Smart Board/ Smart Room technology. Upon the Senate request, IT has asked Senate to come up with 1-2 specific requests for changes to user settings. IT will explore the feasibility of the requests and design training for faculty interested. Discussion. Paul will take requests to IT.
- III. QWL committee wants discussion on having an all Campus BBQ, outdoor game/activity event. John H. offered to host at his place for everyone who would like to attend. Rick asked for feedback on when would be a good date, if it should include families, and any other ideas or suggestions related to a get-together.

- IV. Student club participation- Club participation is very low, especially in the trades at the APC. Should Senate ask ASHC to review their bylaws to better facilitate participation? Discussion about the challenges.
- V. Staff Senate voted to join Faculty Senate in a meeting. ECOS proposed having the officers of both groups meet and choose a few topics to discuss beforehand. An overlapping meeting schedule in the spring has been discussed. Paul will move forward with the idea.

GOOD AND WELFARE/QUESTION AND ANSWER

- Please invite a new faculty member to do a Peer Evaluation!

Adjournment: Virginia moved to adjourn; Rick H. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.