

FACULTY SENATE

Friday, August 28th, 2015

Battle Mountain – BM 1 Elko – HSC 107; Ely – GBC 118;
Pahrump – PVC 124; Winnemucca – GBC 109

Meeting Minutes

I. ROLL CALL

Voting Representatives: Orr Russ, Stephen Theriault, Michael Whitehead, Norm Whitaker, Byron Calkins, Cherie Jaques (P), Mardell Wilkins, Carrie Gaxiola, Du Xunming, David Freistroffer, Wendy Charlebois, Jodi Gerrits, Janice King, Wang Ping (P), Thomas Reagan, Tim Beasley

Absent Voting Members: Staci Warnert (P), Brandis Senecal (P)

Other Members Present: Josh Webster, George Kleebe, Brandy Nielsen, Glen Tenney, Cindy Hyslop, Laura Pike, George Brorby, Dorinda Friez, Frank Daniels, Jinho Jung, Lynne Owens, Pete Bagley, Pat Anderson, Angie De Braga, Tina Nelson, Lynette Macfarlan, Teresa Stauffer, Robert Hannu,

Visitors:

II. CALL TO ORDER: Action

Mary Doucette called the regular meeting of Faculty Senate to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 28th, 2015.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Action

A motion was made by Stephen Theriault and seconded by Pat Anderson to approve the May 8th, 2015, Faculty Senate Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. GUEST/PUBLIC COMMENT

V. SENATE CHAIR REPORT: Information

Chair Doucette went over policies that will be informational items at the Board of Regents September meeting. The debriefing papers have been uploaded to the August packet online. Chair Doucette asked that faculty members read these documents and email her with comments.

BOR Transfer of Administrative Faculty/ Shortened Termination of Non-tenured Academic & Administrative Faculty: Chair Doucette asked for a sense of the senate on the transfer policy as well as the termination policy. The senate did not agree with the policy but agreed with majority of UNR's statement. David Freistroffer made a motion that GBC has a sensitive senate that concurs with UNR's Faculty Executive Committee. Tim Beasley seconded. No Abstentions.

David Freistroffer asked Chair Doucette to voice a concern that transfers of tenured administrators into smaller institutions could create problems within small departments. Another concern was that the policy will take away authority from the presidents of the institution. Chair Doucette will write a new policy with the comments of the senate. This policy will need to be completed by September 2nd.

Accreditation: Accreditation visit will be occurring in April. Chair Doucette reminded faculty that assessment will be a main topic.

Bylaws: Faculty senate bylaws went through President's Council. Lisa Frazier's new position was added to the president's council.

Chair Doucette questioned the senate on why the assessment committee was a two year term. The senate was unsure. Recommendations to ask former members of the committee were made.

COLA: Chair Doucette asked the senate to review the COLA policy in the August Packet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Academic Standards – No Report**
- b) Part-time Instructors –No Report**
- c) Assessment – No Report**
- d) Budget & Facilities – No Report**
- e) Compensation & Benefits – No Report**
- f) Curriculum & Articulation – No Report**
- g) Department Chairs – No Report**
- h) Distance Education – No Report**
- i) Faculty & Administrative Evaluations – Verbal Report**

Norm Whitaker informed the Senate that the evaluation form was transferred to an Excel form by Sheri Baker. The form was completed in the middle of May. Mike McFarlane, Amber Donnelly and Bret Murphy reviewed the evaluation form and have proposed a modification based on what they needed. There will be an additional meeting to review the form before it is presented. A comment was made to Norm to voice that chair evaluations by members should be eliminated. This will avoid creating a negative environment within departments. Norm has asked Lynette MacFarlane to keep the minutes and notes together and Amber Donnelly to attend meetings to clarify or answer any questions.

- j) Faculty/Staff Safety – No Report**

k) Gen Ed Ad Hoc Committee – No Report

l) Library – No Report

m) Personnel – No Report

n) Student Relations – No Report

Non-senate Committees

o) A.C.E. – No Report

p) Child Care Center – No Report

q) TAACCCT Grant – No Report

r) TEC – No Report

s) iNtegrate 2 Ad Hoc – Written Report

t) Humanities – No Report

u) Behavioral Intervention Team – No Report

FOUR-YEAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Studies – No Report

b) Bachelor of Applied Science – No Report

c) Career & Technical Education (CTE) – No Report

d) Health Sciences & Human Services – No Report

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Nomination

Stephen Theriault nominated Carrie Gaxiola for senate secretary. Tom Reagan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VIII. INFORMATION

a) The Part-time Faculty Lounge has been moved to HTC 110. The senate is still looking for two part-time faculty representatives.

- b) David Freistroffer is looking for an advisor for the Phi Theta Kappa club. They must be a faculty member. Please contact David if you are interested.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT –

X. ADJOURNMENT – Action

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m.