Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes from Meeting on Friday, April 19, 2013

Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Dr. Galt-Brown, Chair, at 2:00 pm

Members present: Amanda Urquhart, James Galt-Brown, James McCrimmon, Chrissy Dent, Doug Waid, Heather Cathcart, JoAnn Brannen

**Old Business:**

1. PTU Guidelines

   James Galt-Brown was asked by Dr. Reddick to have the faculty senate clarify a few of the proposed revisions. Three clarifications were needed. See attached sheets for clarifications and submitted responses. Amanda Urquhart made a motion to accept the responses as presented. James McCrimmon seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to submit the clarifications as presented in faculty senate.

2. Standing Committee Assignments

   Amanda Urquhart notified the faculty senate that the standing committee assignments have been submitted.

**New Business**

1. Elections for Senate Officers

   a. Doug Waid made a motion to nominate Amanda Urquhart for faculty senate president. The motion was seconded by James McCrimmon. No other nominations were made. Motion to close nominations was made by Doug Waid, seconded by Chrissy Dent. A unanimous vote elected Amanda Urquhart as the new Faculty Senate President beginning fall 2013.

   b. Chrissy Dent volunteered to serve as the vice president for faculty senate. James McCrimmon seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Motion to close nominations was made by Doug Waid, seconded by Amanda Urquhart. A unanimous vote elected Chrissy Dent as the new faculty senate vice president beginning fall 2013.

   c. The current secretary of faculty senate was not present at the meeting; therefore, it was decided that Diantha Ellis would continue in this role until it could be determined if she still wanted to function in this role.

   d. James McCrimmon nominated James Galt-Brown to serve as the parliamentarian. Amanda Urquhart seconded the motion. A unanimous vote elected James Galt-Brown as the new faculty senate parliamentarian beginning fall 2013.
2. USG Faculty Senate Update

   Chrissy Dent provided an update on the USG Faculty Senate. Some of the topics under discussion include faculty workload and compensation. It was decided that there would be two meetings a year instead of one. One meeting would occur at the Board of Regents and the second meeting would be at one of the colleges or university. The next meeting will be at Bainbridge College in September of 2013.

3. Outdoor Commencement

   James Galt-Brown asked for a volunteer to serve on the outdoor commencement committee. No one volunteered to take James Galt-Brown’s position on the committee. Faculty senate discussed the advantages and disadvantages of outdoor commencement. It was decided that James Galt-Brown would draw up a letter regarding faculty senate’s position on outdoor commencement.

   The Senate adjourned at 4:20 pm.