Senate Faculty Meeting

Agenda

I. Call to Order
II. Roll call—Present: Drs. Howard, Gilcrease, Boysen, Matejcik, Cross, Kowalski, Kliche, Dryer, Dr. French as proxy for Dr. Sundareshwar, Dr. Stetler arrived later.
III. Approval of Agenda—approved
IV. Approval of Minutes - 12 April 2012 minutes – approved
V. Report from Chair
   • Chair Election—will be handled at general faculty meeting immediately after senate meeting
   • Senator Elections
   • Cabinet Items – May 3, 2012: Nothing substantial to report, will Dr. Howard will send any important points from the minutes along via email.
VI. Committee Reports
   A. Academic Affairs
      1. Curriculum Requests – Dr. Cross
         a. At last month’s senate meeting a curriculum change for the B.S. in computer science was not approved, pending clarification of the change. Dr. Riley was present and explained that the change was primarily in response to the reduction to 120 credit hours to give students more flexibility in the math courses they were taking. A differential equations course is not required for accreditation in comp. sci., and most employers are more interested in the number of math credits taken, not particular courses, such as differential equations. Motion to approve the change passes.
      2. Faculty Expectations Documents – Continuing
   B. Research and Scholarly Affairs
   C. Finance and Personnel
   D. Student Affairs
   E. University Relations
   F. By-Laws Committee
   G. Nominating Committee
   H. Ad Hoc Committee on Proposed Modification of the Gen Ed Schedule – Dr. Fontaine—Language has been updated as discussed at previous senate meeting. Finalized wording will be sent out by email for approval.
VII. Old Business
   A. Senate Chair
   B.
VIII. New Business
   A. Proposed course in micro and macroeconomics—Drs. Gilcrease and Kliche
      There is a need for a micro/macroeconomics course across several of the engineering disciplines. Presently this course is supposed to be handled by a cooperative agreement with Black Hills State, however it has become difficult
for students to get into these courses due to changes in the agreement on Black Hills State’s end. It would be desirable to restore some type of micro/macroeconomics course here on campus, taught by an economist. Motion is made to form an ad hoc committee chaired by Dr. Cross, to include Drs. Gilcrease, Kliche, and Dryer to investigate options for bringing such a course back to campus. Motion passes.

B.
C.

IX. Other

A. Next Scheduled Faculty Senate Meetings –Sept 13, 2012, 11:00 AM -12:30 PM, Bump Conference Room
B. Next General Faculty Meeting –Thursday, Sept 27, 2012
C.

X. Adjournment