

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting March 18, 2010

Chair David Boyles called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Senators present: Professor Dan Kratzer, Drs. Dimitrios Anagnostou, Janet Burgoyne, Bill Capehart, Robert Corey, Hao Fong, Tom Fontaine, Patrick Gilcrease, Chuck Kliche, Frank Matejcik, Colin Paterson, Frank Van Nuys, Myung-Keun Yoon. Also present: Dr. Arden Davis, President Dr. Robert Wharton, Mr. Graham Garner, Vice-President for University Advancement.

Upon motion of Stan, seconded by Colin the agenda for today's meeting was approved.

Upon motion of Frank Matejcik, seconded by Patrick, the minutes for the February 11, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved.

Reports of Standing Committees

- Academic Affairs: Dr. Burgoyne. Final Exam policy. Frank Van Nuys, seconded by Stan, moved to ratify the revised document and charge David to present the same to the University Cabinet. The motion carried.
- Research and Scholarly Affairs: Dr. Capehart. Brief report
- Finance and Personnel: Dr. Howard. Brief report
- Student Affairs: Dr. Van Nuys. No report
- University Relations: Professor Kratzer. "Who we are" project interviews are going forward, but are not posted yet.
- By-Laws Committee—Language in By-Laws as per Feb 11 minutes. A new By-Laws Committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Kliche, Dr. Paterson, and Dr. Van Nuys, to address contradictions in language pertaining to Chair of the Faculty/Faculty Senate.
- Nominating Committee—update on nominations. The committee is still awaiting some nominations. One more call will go out next week.

Visitors

- Dr. Robert Wharton, President, SDSMT
 - Introduced Graham Garner, new Vice-President for University Advancement
 - Leadership: Collins' "Good to Great" concept
 - Anticipated budget cuts – no \$ for Physics Ph.D., salary increase
 - DUSEL – NSF will be on campus in April
 - Task forces on academic affairs, research, graduate education
 - Master plan by end of calendar year
 - Space issues
 - Core values; upcoming breakfast meeting
 - Budget hearing process
- Dr. Richard Kaiser, Athletic Director--update on SDSM&T's application to become a member of NCAA Division II.

New Business

- March Curricular Requests. Bill moved, seconded by Colin, to approve the requests. The motion carried, with one abstention.

- Freshmen Engineering courses: Stan moved, seconded by Frank Van Nuys, that the Chair appoint an ad hoc committee to review Freshmen engineering courses and report back to the Faculty Senate in October. Such a committee would focus on issues of how credits for the various introductory engineering courses transfer to other departments; the content of these courses; and consequences for students who change majors after completing one of the introductory courses. The motion failed on a 7 to 5 vote, with two abstentions. Stan called for a roll call vote:
 - Yay
 - Dr. Paterson
 - Dr. Corey
 - Dr. Van Nuys
 - Dr. Anagnostou
 - Dr. Howard
 - Nay
 - Dr. Matejcik
 - Dr. Fontaine
 - Dr. Kliche
 - Professor Kratzer
 - Dr. Burgoyne
 - Dr. Capehart
 - Dr. Yoon
 - Abstain
 - Dr. Gilcrease
 - Dr. Fong
- University Cabinet Draft Policies before University Cabinet, March meeting
 - Some Thoughts on Campus-wide Email: David will relay members' comments and concerns to University Cabinet.
 - Painting: Is not Facilities Services a contractor and thus lacking in authority to impose policies campus-wide?
- Other
 - Plus/Minus Grading: has not made it to AAC yet.

Upon motion of Chuck, seconded by Colin, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.