

## Minutes for Faculty Senate

April 10, 2018

### Attendance

#### Faculty

Joe Kremer President, Amy Godfrey Business, Robin Payne Social Science, Donna Long L and L, Dan Eichenbaum SOFA, Mike Ransom Beh. Sci., Jacki Sherman Library, Aimee Richards SOFA, Tom Cuchta Math/CS, Gina Fantasia Academic Affairs, Jason Nolan Education, Deb Hemler Natural Science, Steven Roof Academic Affairs, Tom McLaughlin Sci-Tech, Harry Baxter ACF, Amanda Metcalf HHP, Budd Sapp BOG, Elizabeth Chaney SGA, Lauren Manchin SGA, Mark Wolf Sci-Tech, Jim Davis Business, Matthew Hokom L and L, Theresa Jones Nursing, Julie Furrow Nursing, Bill Harrison Soc. Sci.

#### Guests

Dedra Cobb COLA, Robynn Shannon Assessment and Planning, Amy Sidwell HHP, Chris Lavorata Academic Affairs, Richard Harvey Business, Dillon Bradley SGA, Abigail Sharp SGA, Molly Barra Library, Kristen Holladay, Emily Markham, Annie Watson, Mahmood Hussain Computer Science, Chris Kast Beh. Sci., Josh Smallridge Soc. Sci., Jack Kirby Academic Affairs, John Lympany IT, Leia Bobo Nursing, Ashley Kennison, David Kirk, Sara Quigley, Hannah Householder, Alex Vance, Cam'Ron Allen, Seth Backas, Zoe Funcher, Jessica Knotts, Ashley Doyle, Hugh Costello Engineering Tech., Jaiehir Jackson-Hawkins, Vijay Rael Sci. Tech

Gaveled to order 3:00 PM

I. Minutes Approved for March Meeting

II.

Dr. Martin

- Dr. Martin wishes to use Cengage in order to reduce costs for students when it comes to textbooks. The flat fee that Cengage charges for its on-line books will be less expensive for many of our students than the bookstore or ordering on-line. Students might now pay 1,200 to 2,000 dollars per year for books which can add up to 10,000 over the course of five years. Students will still be able to avail themselves of a paper copy, should they wish, for a small fee 7.99 for shipping to rent or 25 to 50 dollars to purchase a paper copy. Dr. Martin stated that several students have approached her about the high cost of books and this is a possible solution to that problem for a lot of our students. She is concerned about students being able to afford textbooks which has driven her attempt to reduce costs for our students with Cengage being a possible solution to the problem.
- Dr. Martin stated that she is not mandating anything, is looking at ways to save students money, and is open to suggestions.
- Dr. Martin also expressed concern about false rumors.
- On a personal level Dr. Martin remembered her college days when she had to save every penny to make her way through college.

- Dr. Harvey, Dean of the School of Business, stated that we can get in on the ground floor with Cengage and that this is a good way of saving money for our students. He expressed concern about misinformation.
- Several students spoke out in favor of the new system stating they would pay less while others argued that they currently pay less now than they will under Cengage. Some were concerned about whether or not the list of Cengage books left out important texts.
- Students from different Colleges seem to have very different book costs.
- Faculty response ran from supportive to concern that important books might not be available from Cengage leading to a loss of academic freedom to assign important books for classes. There was also concern over the fee possibly being larger than we think.
- President Martin, the faculty, the administration, and the students all agree on the importance of saving the students money on textbooks.

#### Budd Sapp BOG Report

- Dixie Yann and John Sharop have been re-appointed while William Hart and Brian Townes will be leaving with the thanks of Fairmont State.

#### Harry Baxter:

- Paul Hill the chancellor of HEPC is retiring and a search is under way.
- The new funding model if approved will help us greatly.
- The 26<sup>th</sup> Great teachers Seminar will take place from June 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### SGA

- New Constitution Approved

#### III

- Faculty Senate voted to endorse via-resolution the new proposed state funding program by unanimous vote.
- Tenure Resolution Passed
- Faculty Harassment Report accepted
- Digital Resolution not acted upon

#### IV

- Several Curriculum Proposals approved.  
 Curriculum Proposal #17-18-21 Rev 1 Graphic Design and Technology  
 Curriculum Proposal # 17-18-22 Rev 1 Behavioral Analytics  
 Curriculum Proposal # 17-18-23 English BA writing Track  
 Curriculum Proposal #17-18-24 Rev 1 Game Design Minor  
 Curriculum Proposal #17-18-25 Rev 1 Automation and Robotics Minor  
 Curriculum Proposal #17-18-26 Computer Science Courses

## V. Open Forum

- Model UN won distinguished delegation award at the National Model United Nations Conference

Meeting adjourned at 5:42