

Fairmont State University Faculty Senate

Minutes

November 9, 2010
303 Education Building
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Shields, Baxter, Kelley, Long, Haynes, Morris, White, Allen, Rogers (for Broschious) Frazier, Reneau, Webb-Dempsey, Harvey, Cable, Alshallah, Edwards, Shaw, Ingman, Chiba, Ryan, Jones, Hansen, and Ullom

Guests: Fallon, Rose, Dempsey, Schwer, Joshi, Baker, Brantmayer, Lavorata, Smith, and Nestor

I. Reading and approval of minutes of October 2010 meeting. Long moved to accept with minor revisions and Kelley seconded. Motion carried.

II. Announcements/Information/Discussion

- President Krepel Dr. Rose reported for Dr. Krepel regarding:
 1. Salary Enhancement.
 2. Strategic planning. Dr. Gilberti will chair a committee for distribution of strategic plan funds. Proposals should be:
 - a. Tied to strategic planning.
 - b. Requesting money for one time only.
 - c. Requesting funds that will end that fiscal year.
 - d. A good return on investment by stating how the institution will benefit.
 3. October 2012 accreditation visit.

- BOG representative Mild reported regarding the:
 - Folk Life center.
 - Salary Enhancement.
 - The extension of Dr. Krepel's contact until 2013.

- Student Government. Ullom requested feedback regarding Homecoming.

Shaw moved that the order of business be changed to examine the Instructor Evaluation tool. Harvey seconded. Motion carried. According to Fallon, Dr. Rose charged the committee (chaired by Fallon) to examine other instruments due to concerns raised by the faculty in a survey regarding the IDEA evaluation form. Fallon reported the results of the Instructor Evaluation tool committee. She proposed that the new evaluation be used this semester (next week) as a pilot program. Next semester, the faculty welfare committee will examine feedback from the pilot. Long, Baxter, Edwards, and Ingman reported concerns from their academic units. Shields clarified the senate's requests: whether we use the form or whether we use it this semester. Webb-Dempsey requested more faculty voice. Kelley moved that the Faculty Welfare committee be charged with the review process. Harvey seconded. Motion carried.

Reneau moved and Cable seconded that the pilot form be used this semester. Harvey suggested that we give an option. Fallon says in reality she cannot do both. Harvey suggested that a campus-wide pilot wasn't really a pilot; Long recalled that the "pilot" to use Taskstream was similar to the evaluation pilot form implementation. Reneau called the question. A 2/3 vote achieved. Motion carried.

Webb–Dempsey moved and Jones seconded that we consider curriculum proposals before GS report. Motion carried.

Harvey moved and Shaw seconded that we approve the second reading of proposals (9-10-10, 10-11-01, 10-11-02, and 10-11-03) as group. White expressed concerns regarding bias while Baker assured otherwise. Motion carried.

Long moved and Shaw seconded that we approve for first reading proposals (10-11-04, 10-11-05). Motion carried.

III. Unfinished Business

General Studies Curriculum Template

Angela reported on the Flexible (the General Studies Committee) GS plan. She also reported the Traditional (the proposal from Language and Literature) GS plan. Both plans were compared.

Kelley suggested that the Flexible plan (32 hours) would not be a liberal studies education and addressed the Traditional plan. Baker thought that the Flexible plan needed more breadth of knowledge. Rogers said that the Traditional plan would be difficult for nursing accreditation. Long reported that many institutions have hour requirements similar to the Traditional plan. She also stated that we are the only institution she could find that had a Degree definition policy and suggested that the senate ask the BOG to reconsider the Degree Definition Policy. Reneau suggested that it would be difficult to accomplish the international aspect of the Traditional plan without taking a foreign language. Webb Dempsey suggested that we table this decision until we have time to consider both plans and discuss this with our constituents. Shaw seconded. Motion carried. Long asked Schwer if it was possible to pass accreditation if either of the new GS initiatives did not get into the catalog next fall. Schwer stated that as long as the Taskstream component went as planned.

Constitution and By-laws revisions (first reading) (tabled at Sept. 2010 meeting). Harvey moved that the item be removed from table. Kelley seconded. Motion carried. Harvey moved to approve for first reading. Seconded by Shaw. Motion carried

V. New Business

Admissions & Credits proposal. Long moved that the senate table the proposal. Seconded by Baxter. Motion carried.

Committee assignments volunteers: For the Merit committee Reneau moved that we solicit one volunteer from each unit. Seconded by Webb-Dempsey. Motion carried.

VI. Open Forum

No discussion during open forum

Motion to adjourn by Cable and seconded by Harvey. Motion Carried.