

NNMC Faculty Senate Meeting
December 01, 2023 1:00- 3:00
December 07, 2023 (continuation for committee work)
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:04 pm.

Motion to approve meeting agenda – Brenda Linnell

2nd motion to approve meeting agenda – Steve Cox

All approve – Motion passes

Motion to approve meeting minutes from 11/03/2023 - Dr. X

2nd motion to approve meeting minutes – Steve Cox

All approve – Motion passes

President Report

- Submitted very aggressive budget requests to legislature, both regular and special, for infrastructure, salary, and student resources

Provost Report

- Dr. Lopez introduced Dr. Guerrero as acting provost
- (Dr. Guerrero greetings and remarks)
- Dr. Lopez remarks about budget retreat - appreciation, recommendations forwarded
- Dr. Lopez - ongoing process of modifying program elimination - intersection of State and College processes
- Dr. Lopez - appreciation as this is his final meeting before departure

Union Representative Report - Tim Crone

- Negotiations for new CBA to start with preliminary planning meetings

New Business

- A. Dr. Lopez going away gift / letter discussion
 - a. Discussion of what to get with short timeframe (ultimately a blanket and framed letter of appreciation)
 - b. Resolution to purchase gift and express thanks (Motion: Brenda Linnell, Second: Joan Hodge, Vote: unanimous)
- B. Faculty Association Constitution Revision (many minor changes, key points below)
 - a. Bylaw II, section 2: reserve 3 Senate seats for adjuncts, up from 2
 - b. Bylaw II, section 3: all elected senators 3 year terms (previously adjuncts had 1 year terms)
 - c. Bylaw II, section 6: Senators filling unexpired terms (e.g. replacing someone who left the Senate) can be elected to two regular terms after concluding the academic year.

- d. Bylaw III section 4: officer elections via secret ballot (instead of a roll-call vote); officers filling unexpired terms eligible for 2 full terms in office.
- e. Bylaw VI, section 5: verbiage to allow the possibility of a closed meeting if needed.
- f. Bylaw IX, section 1: committees manage their own membership, leadership (previously appointed by President)

C. Draft Policy on Remote Work

- a. Policy emailed out for review not suited to faculty
- b. Senate resolved for President to send a letter (no formal motion)
 - i. Note: this was rendered OBE - faculty removed from draft policy before letter was sent

Committee Reports (out of order due to time restraints)

A. President's Faculty Advisory Committee (Rhiannon West): met with President, Provost, discussed plans and structure for future meetings, discussed process for selection of interim and permanent Provost (national search, faculty input).

B. Educational Policy (Rhiannon West): NSTR

C. General Education (Lori Franklin): NSTR

(Committee Reports continue on December 07, 2023)

D. Academic Standards (Brenda Linnell): Completed new version of internal bylaws.

E. Aci Es (Dr. X): NSTR

F. Honors (Ana Vasilic): Nominee selected for honorary degree, seeking Senate endorsement. Motion: Dr. X, Second: Rachel Meiklejohn, Vote: Unanimous

G. Tenure (Ashis Nandy): Tenure council will meet during Convocation; discussion of Full Professor proposal will come from Academic Standards

H. **Personnel** (Ana Vasilic): proposed creation of Full Professor for college, seeking Senate endorsement of proposal passed by Academic Standards and Tenure committees. Reviewed draft, noted that President and BOR both support idea, but funding will be an issue. Motion: David Torres, Second: Brenda Linnell, Vote: Unanimous

I. Undergraduate Curriculum (Robert Tierney): Numerous program/course changes

- a. Allied Health AAS; difficulties hiring qualified instructor, changes allow students timely graduation
- b. Environmental Science AAS; allow substitution
- c. Radiation Protection CERT, Nuclear Operator AAS; were not changed when RDPR courses were revised last year - need to be brought up to date to match current offerings
- d. Radiation Protection AAS; typo in the original submission misstated number of credit hours, this is a correction - no other changes
- e. Senate considered above as a package; Motion: Ana Vasilic, Second: Dr. X, Vote: Unanimous

J. Personnel (David Torres): Reviewed sabbatical packages which went forward to Provost.

K. Aci Es (David Lindblom): article added to chat

Announcements

Brenda Linnell motioned to adjourn. Simon Vaz seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Note that a supplemental meeting took place on 07 December 2023, to complete the committee work.