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Agenda and Minutes of the Meeting of April 08, 2013



Agenda for the meeting of the Faculty Senate

Monday, April 8, 2013 CH 126 3:30

I. Call to Order

II. Informal statements and proposals

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. President's Report

V. Role of Technology in Education -- Ravi Pendse, VP Information Technologies & Exec. Dir. ANRI

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

A. Background Fundamentals to be completed in first 24 hours of enrollment -- dicussion

VIII. As May Arise

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**Minutes of the Wichita State University Faculty Senate**

Monday, 3:30 pm, April 8, 2013; CH 126

Members Present: Anderson, Barut, Bergman, Celestin, Close, Decker, DeSilva, Driessen, Horn, Hull, Jacobs, Johnson, Kagdi, Klunder, Lewis, Lu, Matveyeva, Miller, Mosack, Oare, Rokosz, Ross, Smith, Yildirim

Members Absent: Alexander, Bryant, Liu, Moore-Jansen, Mukeerjee, Pulaski, Solomey, Toops

Members Excused: Baker, Besthorn, Brooks, Kreinath, Rillema

Summary of Action

I. Call to Order

President Bob Ross called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

II. Informal Statements and Proposals;

Senator Desilva inquired about the pickets at 21st and Yale protesting the fact that WSU has hired contractors that are engaged in unfair labor practices. President Ross replied that this same group was protesting at numerous sites around Wichita and that they had the right to protest.

Senator Johnson informed the senate of a letter from AAUP (via Brigette Roussel) inviting all faculty to attend an AAUP meeting from 3:30-5pm, April 26, in room 136 of the Hughes MetroPlex. She said that the letter of invitations contained a lengthy list of alleged grievances that the faculty should be concerned about.

III. Approval of the Minutes: – Senator Klunder pointed out that the Minutes of the March 25, 2013, meeting of the Faculty Senate failed to include the action of the Senate to “approve in concept the establishment of an Honors College.” The secretary of the Senate acknowledged the omission and agreed to promptly correct them. The Minutes were approved as corrected with no dissent.

IV. President’s Report: President Ross reported on the following recent activities:

A. No KBOR meeting since the last Senate meeting, thus no report.

B. The Strategic Planning Committee met during a two-day retreat and President Ross has asked the leadership of the SPC to update the Senate at the April 25 meeting. President Ross felt that the planning process was on track to complete their work by May.

C. President Ross has invited WSU President Bardo to address the Senate at the April 25 meeting.

D. Other items of business for the April 25 meeting include the following: second reading of the General Education Committee proposal, discussion and informal vote of the “Sense of the Senate” on changing the requirement for the completion of Basic Skills courses from 48 hours to 24 hours, SGA’s proposed policy to create a “smoke free” campus.

V. Committee Reports: None

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business: President Ross invited Ravi Pendse, Vice President of Information Technology, to provide his thoughts about technology on the WSU campus. Dr. Pendse delivered a power point presentation of his ideas on the “Role of Technology in Higher Education.” His central theme was that “change” is coming, and coming more rapidly every day. He felt that we (the WSU community) should embrace this change and to seize opportunities that have been made possible as a results of “change.” He elaborated on the following five simple ideas for higher education: gamification, emerging technologies, online courses (such as MOOC), personalized

education, and higher education convergence.

VIII. As May Arise – None

IX. Adjournment - The meeting of the Faculty Senate was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Submitted by Walter Horn

Secretary of the Faculty Senate

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