Faculty Senate Minutes
February 8, 2016

Call to Order: Heath Hornecker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Business and Industry:
   Jeff Morris          Present
   Glen Roberts        Present
   Liz Ott             Present

Continuing Education:
   Sue Sigler          Present

Educational Resources:
   Beth Floyd          Present

Fine Arts and Humanities:
   Jennifer Cowell     Present
   Nathan Baker        Present
   Charles Ewing       Excused

Health Science:
   Mike Moline         Present
   Heidi Loucks        Present
   Russ Christiansen  Present

Science:
   Jacob McIntyre      Present
   Melissa Connely     Present
   Heath Hornecker     Present

Social and Behavioral Sciences:
   Erich Frankland     Present
   Art Washut          Present
   Gretchen Wheeler    Present

Special Guest: Shereen from Academic Affairs
   Shereen presented the new online method for Curriculum procedure. The website is: caspercollege.curriculog.com

Approval of Minutes 1/26/16: Erich moved to accept. Glen seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: $5570.20 Savings
                     $1369.72 Checking
                     79 paid members

Chair Reports:
   Board of Trustees: (1/26/16) The highlight of that meeting was that all of the early retirees were approved during the meeting.
   College Council: None
Management Council: Mike reported that many of our upper management will be absent the next couple of weeks. There is a ECLC Pizza Ranch fundraiser on Feb. 18 from 5-9pm.

Committee Reports:
Curriculum: Liz Ott moved to accept. Russ seconded. Motion passes.

Faculty Development Grants:
9 requests were presented. 1 of which received last year. Mike moved to approve the 8 new requests. Nathan seconded. Motion passes.
Discussion followed about the remaining funds for this year. Mike moved that we allow full-time faculty to receive funds every year and we budget whereso no more than 75% of the budget can be allocated in the fall. Liz seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passes.

Seminar Committee: Mike gave a report about their first meeting. Their plan is to gather some data by looking at other community colleges and OnCourse data (retention/success rates). Discussion followed.

Unfinished Business:
  a. Early Retirement: Committee has met and is looking at a couple of new options. Both options are linked to years of service to the institution. The committee is also looking at the insurance gap issue. Discussion followed.
  b. Letter on Initiatives: Erich Frankland integrated student and faculty comments into a one-page DRAFT letter. Melissa motioned that we forward the letter through the proper chain of command. Jake seconded. Motion passes.

New Business:
  a. Complete College Wyoming Committee Person (Permanent Position): Claudia Stewart and Terry Rodgers have both been nominated for this committee. A vote was taken. Claudia Stewart will be our new representative.

General Faculty Comments:
Art motioned to fund the dinner for new faculty, with a $500 budget. Nathan seconded. Motion passes.
Melissa mentioned a discussion that has come out of Curriculum Committee regarding our recommendation of 60-64 credits. This is an option; not a requirement.

Meeting Adjournment: Heath adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Cowell