Faculty Senate Minutes  
November 9, 2015

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 Present
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: Dr. Divine
Open dialogue was had between Dr. Divine and members of the faculty senate. Questions regarding: Early Retirement, VP Position, State Budget Shortfall, Update on student Meg and Autumn.

Approval of Minutes 10/12: Erich moved to accept. Russ seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report: $5300.69 Savings  
$1319 Checking  
69 paid members

Chair Reports:  
Board of Trustees: (10/20/15) Early Retirement letter was brought up during the general 7:00 meeting. Heath made a brief comment to the board.

Committee Reports:
Curriculum packet – Gretchen moved to approve. Beth seconded. Motion passes.

Faculty Development Grants:
Erich approved the 4 from this month. Melissa seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passes. Art Washut abstained.
Discussion followed
Mike moved that following our February 2016 meeting, the monthly remaining faculty development funds are made available, on a first-come, first serve basis to all faculty, including faculty who received funding last year. Funds will be evenly distributed (no more than $500) among the faculty who apply for the remaining funds. The faculty can reject their award.
Jake seconded the motion. Discussion followed.
Motion passes.

Articulation Committee:
Mike gave a report on this new committee. Discussion followed. They plan to bring a resolution to the next faculty senate meeting.

Higher Ed Summit (11/6/15): Erich gave a report. Meeting with 5/7 of the colleges. The Governor is in support of the community college. Governor is proposing an increase to the base funding for community colleges. The JAC wants to cut funding to the community colleges. The governor and state legislators are going to be invited to each community college campuses to showcase what is happening at each institution. A climate survey will be sent out to all community colleges sometime in February. Higher Ed Summit will be held at Casper College in mid-July 2016. Discussion followed.

Unfinished Business:
   a. IT Issues: No response from Kent at this point.
   b. Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees: Laurie Weaver is our nominee.
   c. Early Retirement Letter: Heath will meet with Chauncey. He will figure out what other colleges are doing in terms of early retirement. Heath will let faculty know when faculty can come into a Board meeting to make comments. The meeting is Nov. 17
   d. Inclusivity Statements: We will visit this at our December meeting.
   e. Sabbaticals: Each senator will score and rank the sabbatical applications by December 1. Email your scores to Heath by this deadline.
New Business:
   a. Schedule: This year Enrollment Services did the entire schedule. PR used to do the schedule. Enrollment Services are willing to make it better for the future.
   b. New HLC Qualification/Credentials: The Deans are gathering information about the requirements for faculty.
   c. Strategic Enrollment Committee: This is a 2-year process. Can we find out which faculty are on this committee? Dr. Divine initiated this process.
   d. Revision of Dean’s Evaluation: Faculty Senate will be involved in this process. Look for this in the future.

General Faculty Comments:
   Russ wants a definition of “low-enrollment.”
   Lizz Ott spoke about the issue of accommodative services.
   Gretchen wants clarification/document that reflects the new definitions of program director vs. department chair. What about the selection of department chairs? Some clarification is necessary.
   Jennifer asked about an email when a student drops a class.
   Heath needs us all to email him about the December 14th meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: Heath adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Cowell