

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 2, 2009

Senators present: Vicky Taylor-Gore, Matt Craig, Nichol Dolby, Becky Burton, Aimee Martin, Jana Comerford, Michelle Orcutt, Tom Shelton, Ann Hamblin, Duane Lintner, Claudie Biggers, Jill Gibson, Denise Hirsch, Bill Netherton, Anne Nail

Senators absent: Jnita Collins, Pam George, Cherie Clifton, Marianne Jones, Teresa Smoot

Guests: Patsy Lemaster, Monique Dupuis, Lee Colaw

Claudie Biggers called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Guest Presentation: Patsy Lemaster, Aimee Martin, Monique Dupuis, Becky Burton, Lee Colaw: LMS Features of MyAC

The presenters addressed concerns related to the LMS features of MyAC. Due to overlap and confusion caused by MyAC and AC Online, the College has decided to discontinue LMS features of MyAC. Multiple discussions of this issue that included three faculty members who are heavy users of MyAC have led to this decision. Patsy reported that the following groups were also consulted: Registrars, Advising and Counseling, TIC, IT, Help Desk, Ask AC. According to reports from the Academic Technology Council, due to the timecruiser contract timeline there was no time to inform that committee.

December 31st is the day the MyAC LMS tools will be disabled. The Senate held an extensive discussion regarding the issues related to the change, the issues surrounding it and the methods that will be used to disseminate the information.

Approval of Minutes: Aimee Martin moved that the minutes be approved. Bill Netherton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

1. Salary Committee:

Committee met on Sept. 29th to discuss salary negotiations and review last year's proposal, which they will build on in their next salary proposal.

2. Elections Committee:

Elections Committee is waiting to hear if we are eligible to submit a nomination for Piper Professor since we had a faculty member who won last year.

3. Courtesy Committee:

The Courtesy Committee has sent out cards to a number of individuals, including everyone recognized at this year's General Assembly. The committee's activity is as follows:

Cards sent 2009-2010

Sept. 2009

9/1/09	Dan Ferguson	Tenure and rank promotion
9/1/09	Paul Whitfield	Tenure and rank promotion
9/1/09	Dr. Jim Powell	Rank promotion
9/1/09	Margie Waguespack	Rank promotion
9/1/09	LaVon Barrett	Rank promotion
9/1/09	Douglas Adcock	Rank promotion
9/1/09	Ann Fry	Rank promotion
9/1/09	Jana Rice	Rank promotion
9/1/09	David Hernandez	Rank promotion
9/4/09	Frank Sobey	Rank promotion
9/4/09	Sarah Uselding	Rank promotion
9/4/09	Robert Austin	Outstanding Administrator of the Year nominee
9/4/09	Terry Berg	Outstanding Administrator of the Year nominee
9/4/09	Ron Faulkner	Outstanding Administrator of the Year nominee
9/4/09	Paul Matney	Outstanding Administrator of the Year nominee
9/4/09	Jerry Moller	Outstanding Administrator of the Year nominee
9/4/09	Kay Mooney	Outstanding Administrator of the Year nominee
9/4/09	Carol Moore	20 years of service
9/4/09	Barbara Sherrill	20 years of service
9/4/09	Buddy Squyres	20 years of service
9/4/09	Jonathan Evans	20 years of service
9/4/09	Paula Sosebee	20 years of service
9/4/09	Monty Downs	20 years of service
9/4/09	James Laughlin	20 years of service
9/4/09	Valerie Hansen	25 years of service
9/4/09	Judy Jackman	25 years of service
9/4/09	Bill Netherton	25 years of service
9/4/09	Greg Edwards	35 years of service
9/4/09	Bill Crawford	40 years of service
9/4/09	Terry Moore	40 years of service
9/28/09	Mike Henderson	Sick child
9/30/09	Eric Wallace	Death of stepfather

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10/1/09	Ann Hamblin	Mother's illness
10/1/09	Rachel Mora	Death of mother
10/1/09	Jacque McGlohon	Death of mother-in-law
10/1/09	Steve Weber	Success of student Chris Rogers
10/1/09	Mary Clare Munger	NAEYC accreditation of Child Development Lab School
10/1/09	Pam Webb	NAEYC accreditation of Child Development Lab School

4. Academic Technology Committee
The next ATC meeting will be October 13th. Vicky Taylor-Gore asked senators to submit relevant questions.
Vicky Taylor-Gore reviewed a number of questions submitted to the ATC and the answers to those questions. Ann Nail motioned that questions will be distributed in a separate email. Matt Craig seconded the motion, which passed. Matt Craig then moved that questions that affect faculty in general be posted on the Faculty Senate website. Tom Shelton seconded that motion, which passed.
Victoria also reported that the ATC is reviewing policies regarding Internet use, data access, email and hardware/software policies.
5. IT Council Report
Bill Netherton reported discussion regarding MyAC took place in a closed session meeting in IT Council. Bill Netherton reported that Lee Colaw said the wireless plan update is almost ready for all campuses.
6. Faculty Development
Two people have been chosen for the Greater Southwest Teaching Seminar; however, the names have not been released.
7. Questions Committee
The Committee has received the following question, “What are the rights of assistant professor, associate professor and tenured professor? Where are the rights detailed for tenured professors?” Bill Netherton will submit this question to Human Resources.
8. Faculty Survey Committee
The Committee will meet with Dr. Matney regarding whether there will be a faculty survey allowed by the administration this year.
9. Conversations
Becky Burton reported that the Student Success Conversations group has been meeting. The outcomes of the conversations can be read at <http://acsuccess.wordpress.com/>
10. Faculty Intern Program
Information regarding the new CTL Intern Program was distributed via email. This new program will allow faculty members to apply to serve CTL as an overload.
11. Legislative Committee
No report. Claudie brought up that two seats on the Board of Regents are up for election this year and she charged the Legislative Committee with setting up a College forum for candidates to present their platforms. Claudie also noted that Hicks departure from BSA may lead to another open spot on the Board.

Discussion/Information Items

1. Information seminars/lunches for faculty
Claudie brought up the idea of having a once a month forum sponsored by senate that would allow people to visit. Faculty will email ideas and suggestions to Claudie.
2. CCSSE Analysis Team
Team members have been chosen

3. Listening and Learning Forums
Dr. Matney is hosting these forums.
4. No Growth Policy
Claudie thanked senators for responses to the proposed policy and asked senators to continue making this sort of suggestion and sharing information with their divisions. All of the comments were incorporated in the policy.
5. VP job description
Dr. Matney has chosen the selection committee, which includes six faculty members. This will be a national search.
6. Faculty Blog
Claudie brought up the idea of creating a faculty blog, which will be hosted off-campus.
7. Rank & Tenure Policies
Policy has not been updated since 1994. Claudie asked that the senators share the policy with their divisions
8. Policy Update on Online Culture
Claudie brought up that many AC policies are not related to online faculty and their unique needs.

New Business

1. Vicky Taylor-Gore asked about Career Clusters and how it will impact her department and how she can get more information. The senators decided to invite Lana Jackson to the Senate as next month's guest.
2. Nichol Dolby expressed an interest in requesting the parking lot beside the new Science Building be designated an employee lot. This concern will be forwarded by the Questions Committee to Jerry Moller.

Adjournment

Denise Hirsch motioned to adjourn the meeting. Duane Lintner seconded the motion which passed at 5:25 p.m. The November meeting will be held in the Nursing Building on West Campus.