

CAPITAL COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
December 8, 2011

Attendees:

Capital College Senators: S. Agili, P. Burrowes, R. Gray, J. Harris, R. Luquis, G. McGuigan, G. Morcol, J. Ruiz, and S. Wolpert

Administrators Present: M. Kulkarni

Robert Gray, Faculty Senate President opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

A. Minutes Approval for Faculty Senate Meeting

Gray requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2011 meeting. A motion was made by Harris/Morcol to approve the minutes and they were unanimously approved.

B. Minutes Approval for Academic Affairs Meeting

Gray requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Academic Affairs Meeting on December 1, 2011 meeting. A motion was made by Luquis/Harris to approve the minutes and they were unanimously approved.

C. Communications to the Senate

1. Gray noted that several events have happened since the last meeting in October; the Core Council report was issued, the Sandusky scandal and the addition of temporary classrooms have arrived on campus. Gray opened the floor for discussion.
2. Morcol noted that SPA had two meetings regarding the Core Council recommendations and in general they were pleased with the report. However, there were two areas of concern: the elimination of the public policy major and the short time period allotted to address the issues. The members of SPA passed a resolution unanimously opposing the elimination of the public policy major. Morcol would like to see a faculty forum to discuss the Core Council report and believes that faculty senate should pass a resolution to extend the January 15, 2012 deadline.
3. Other schools noted that there were no real surprises in the Core Council report. The school directors were aware and were already working on many of the suggested changes. However, all agree that they would like more time to discuss the report.
4. Kulkarni stated that he knows that the schools need more time, however, he noted that the January 15th deadline is not for the changes to be made, but for the schools and other units to identify the issues and recommendations that apply to them in the report and to set up an action plan to address the issues. Kulkarni has scheduled a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 to discuss the report. Kulkarni noted that the report is not a dictate but, the numbers and enrollment in certain programs need to be examined as part of the strategic growth of the college.
5. Burrowes stated that all schools should read the entire report to gain knowledge of what other schools are doing. Agili noted that there are several issues that are relevant

- to all schools: online teaching technology, student advising and graduate enrollment and the need for more graduate assistantships.
6. Harris made the observation that often times majors are created and faculty and support services are hired and then the programs have little student enrollment. As a college we need to do a better job monitoring the enrollment of programs and set a standard that if programs are under enrolled then they should be re-evaluated.
 7. Morcol spoke for SPA in that the school was discomforted by the top down decisions making of their programs. Kulkarni stated that all of the recommendations are based on numbers and data. In order for colleges to be successful, you need to make sure that your resources are used effectively.
 8. One item that was addresses was having the Commonwealth Campuses work together to create and promote 4+1 IUG programs. We want to retain students in the Penn State system for our graduate programs.

D. Report of the Senate President

1. Gray reported that he and Luquis held a meeting with the faculty senate committee chairs in late October to discuss ideas and charges. Good information was exchanged and it was helpful to hear from the all the committees and what they are working towards.
2. Gray distributed the Core Council report to all members of the faculty senate as well as members of the University Park faculty senate.
3. Gray and Luquis met with the members of the University Park faculty senate and information was exchanged regarding the various committees that they serve on and what role they play in communication between our campus and University Park.

E. Comments by the Chancellor

1. Please see Kulkarni's remarks in the Communications to the Senate section. .

F. Comments from the University Council Representative – J. Ruiz

1. Ruiz commented University Park faculty senate has been very active since the grand jury indictment of Sandusky. Ruiz explained the grand jury indictment .
2. The UP faculty senate is concerned with the perception of naming Erickson as president without conducting a search and not involving the faculty or faculty senate.

G. Forensic Business

None

H. New Business

1. Luquis suggested that we have a forum regarding child abuse, sexual abuse and issues surrounding the Sandusky scandal to be discusses. We could possibly invite the campus police chief and an outside agency to educate faculty and students on reporting such crimes on campus.

I. Unfinished Business

None

J. Legislative Reports

1. It was noted that the Strategic Planning committee report and Faculty Affairs report were included with the agenda.

K. Advisory/Consultative Reports

None

L. New Legislative Business

None

M. Comments and Recommendations for the Good of the College

1. A faculty forum will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012. The Physical Plant committee is sponsoring the forum and Ed Dankanich will present updates on projects that are occurring on campus as well as a time for discussion of other issues that faculty would like to see addressed.

The next meeting of the Penn State Harrisburg Faculty Senate **Thursday, January 19, 2012**

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