

CAPITAL COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
November 30, 2010

Attendees:

Capital College Senators: S. Agili, N. Bayraktar, R. Gray, J. Harris, G. McGuigan, B. Ran, J. Wilburne, S. Winch, M. Wilson, D. Witwer, and S. Wolpert

Administrators Present: M. Kulkarni

Absent: M. Strickland

Seth Wolpert, Faculty Senate President opened the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

A. Minutes Approval for Faculty Senate Meeting

1. Wolpert requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2010 meeting. J. Ruiz asked that the minutes reflect that he was attending a conference on behalf of World Campus and that Dr. Steven Peterson provided an update from the University Park Faculty Senate. A motion was made by Ran/McGuigan to approve the minutes pending the emendation and they were unanimously approved

B. Minutes Approval for Academic Affairs Meeting

1. The minutes of the November 16, 2010 meeting of the Academic Affairs committee were presented to the Faculty Senate by Ruiz. A motion was made by Ran/Wilson to approve the minutes and they were unanimously approved.

C. Communications to the Senate

1. Wolpert had been approached by an adjunct faculty member with concerns about adjuncts having little voice in governance. A review of non-tenure track faculty was presented, where FT1 faculty are full-time, with the same rights as tenure-track, except that they cannot serve on the Promotion and Tenure Committee. FT2 faculty are contracted to teach course by course. FT2's are generally not included in the governance process for a variety of reasons, such as concurrent employment at other colleges. It was agreed that FT2's would not have an established voice in the faculty senate, even though their concerns are always welcome. It was also resolved that participation at their school level is best left up to their program Chairs and School Directors. Wolpert will present this issue to the School Directors at the next Academic Council.
2. Wolpert received correspondence from a faculty member who is concerned that the widely distributed University Faculty/Staff directory contains unlisted phone numbers and home addresses belonging to faculty and staff who prefer that information to remain private for a variety of reasons. Faculty should have an option of opting out. J. Ruiz will take the issue to the University Faculty Senate.

D. Report of the Senate President

1. Wolpert is following up with all of the committee chairs making sure that they are holding meetings and making progress on their charges.

E. Comments by the Chancellor

1. Kulkarni stated that our Spring enrollment is higher than last year, with 119 more full time students.
2. Architects are being brought in for the CUB expansion. We hope to have the expansion completed by June 2012. This target date will coincide with the expected completion of apartment space for over 900 new beds adjacent to campus by two private developers. They have purchased homes along Main Street and plan to develop them into apartments and businesses catering to students. The CUB will provide upgraded facilities for students, with a 12,000 square foot expansion to the building. Kulkarni has been meeting with the mayor and borough council of Middletown, encouraging them to work with us to make Middletown more of a college town.
3. Kulkarni urged caution in spending funds due to uncertain and unclear budgetary and economic situations.
4. Kulkarni wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

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

1. The biggest issue University Council is faced with right now is online SRTE's. This issue is coming before the full senate as an informational report, with no opportunity to vote on it. A major concern regarding SRTE's is the validity of scores when they drop below a certain level, especially when used for promotion and tenure. Ruiz stated that we need at least two semesters to see if the online system will work. For tenure-track faculty, whose stake in SRTE scores, additional input may be added to their dossiers to contextualize scores that they do not feel reflect their performance. Faculty members are also encouraged to send three e-mail reminders to their students to complete the online SRTE's. The last day for students to complete their SRTE's is the last day of classes. Other Big 10 schools have been doing this, with mixed results.

G. New Business

None

H. Unfinished Business

None

I. Legislative Reports

None

J. Advisory/Consultative Reports

None

K. New Legislative Business

None

M. Comments and Recommendations for the Good of the College

None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Winch/Wilburne at 1:43 pm.

The next meeting of the Penn State Harrisburg Faculty Senate is Thursday, January 27, 2011 in the Hanes Executive Conference Room (C300) 12:30pm.

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