Faculty Senate Minutes for January 18, 2013

Chair Julie Isaacson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Delta Center for Economic Development, Room 201.

Senator Andy Mooneyhan moved to approve the minutes. Senator Bill Humphrey seconded the motion. All were in favor for approval of the minutes for November 30, 2012.

Making Connections First Year Experience Update – Jill Simons, Gina Hogue

Jill Simons (Executive Director, Academic Retention Initiatives) announced that iPads will be used for First Year Experience students (incoming freshmen). Some of the general education courses may adopt usage of the iPads, including the possibility of downloading textbooks in lieu of hard copies, which would be more economical for the students. The FYE students would be taught to use the iPads more productively. Faculty (particularly those teaching general education courses) should let them know if they would like to try the iPads in class (especially gen ed teachers).

Senator Bill Humphrey inquired as to what would be available. Mark Hoeting (Chief Information Officer, Information and Technology Services) replied that the ASU iStore carries everything (mini to the full size iPads). The details have not yet been finalized, but leasing would be an option (possibly semester-by-semester for $30 per semester or 1 year for $100, and $200 with buyout for $1 at the end of the lease period). Students would need to have the iPad (not another tablet or notebook).

Old Business:

Faculty Senate Sub-Committees/Task Forces Reports:

Status of the Profession – Amany Saleh

Senator Amany Saleh reported that the committee had worked on the survey. They met before and after the break and also electronically. It would be sent to the Senate for approval and then to the faculty.

Faculty Senate Patent Task Force – Fabricio Medina-Bolivar

Senator Fabricio Medina-Bolivar reminded the Senate that the US Patent system will change from “first-to-invent” to first-to-file”. This major change will take place on 16 March, 2013. As a result, Under the current ASU System Patent Policy it may take two years to file now for a provisional patent and there is a need to revise the timing in the policy. A seminar will be offered to explain the patenting process and the changes in the US Patent system. New disclosures. There are currently 11 people on the Patent Task Force: 4 from the senate, and the remaining with experience filing patents in and outside the US. The task force will send their proposed revisions.
Finance Committee – Bill Rowe (no report given)
Faculty Overload/Compensation – Andy Mooneyhan

Senator Andy Mooneyhan reported that the committee met and will be gathering data regarding the issue with overload pay. They will work toward a common goal to resolve the problem.

New Business:

Shared Governance Proposal – Discrimination

Chair Julie Isaacson reported that the Discrimination proposal is a response to the dated version in the handbook. The Senate would need to vote on it within 2 weeks for the SGOC.

Faculty Development – New funds

Chair Isaacson announced that the Executive Committee put together a form. Awards will be up to $1,000. $30,000 is available. The deadline is 8 February, 2013 and the announcement will go out via email.

University Sanctioned Events

Chair Isaacson stated that there is a need for a generic statement and/or guidelines to assist faculty in handling students with off-campus activities that are university-related. This would be a part of the Student Handbook (regarding student development). Senator John Hall suggested that faculty sponsor students who take trips for student development (someone to endorse). Vice Chancellor and Provost, Lynita Cooksey suggested that students provide documentation for each activity. A committee would need to look at excused/unexcused absence policies. Would it count for the 6-day max? Could the work be made up? Volunteers for the committee were Senators, Andy Mooneyhan, Claire (Garrard) Abernathy, and Bill Humphrey.

Chair’s Report: Secretary/Treasurer - Faculty Association

Senator Bill Humphrey nominated Senator Pradeep Mishra for the Faculty Association Secretary/Treasurer. Senator Andy Mooneyhan moved to close nominations; Senator Bill Humphrey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Other:

Chair Julie Isaacson announced that the Executive Committee will meet Mondays at noon prior to all Senate meetings. In addition, an ongoing list of handbook changes has been sent to the provost (things that have made through SGOC, or were typographical errors, etc.). The Executive Committee is working on updating bylaws. If you are unable to attend meeting, send a proxy, and don’t forget to share the information with your college.

Senator Alex Sydorenko moved for adjournment at 3:40 p.m., which was seconded by Senator John Hall. All were in favor.
Attendees:

Association Officers:
Chair Julie Isaacson

Agriculture & Technology:
Bill Humphrey

Business:
Faye Cocchira
Richard Segall
Jollean Sinclaire

Communications:
Pradeep Mishra

Education:
John Hall
Minghui Gao
Ann Ross
Amany Saleh
Andy Mooneyhan

Engineering:

Fine Arts:
Claire (Garrard) Abernathy
Marika Kyriakos
Bill Rowe

Humanities & Social Sciences:
Warren Johnson
Alex Sydorenko

Nursing & Health Professions:
Brenda Anderson
Deanna Barymon
Bill Payne

Sciences & Mathematics:
Hai Jiang
Bruce Johnson
Fabricio Medina-Bolivar
Suzanne Melescue

University:
Margaret McClain

Military Science:

Library & Information Resources: