

Faculty Council Meeting

September 5th, 2008

Chair Kim Cleberg called the meeting to order at 11:12 am.

Members in attendance included Lynn Shearer, Lois McWhorter, Sharon Whitehead, Belinda Jones, Cecilia Ramilo, Mary Taylor Huntsman, Doug Massey, Mike Calder, Joann Story, and George Martinez.

Belinda Jones made the motion to approve the minutes from August 8th. Joann Story seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

- Kim reviewed Leadership Team notes. There was some discussion about the S.N.A.P. progress, and Larry is exploring options to change locks. They will be put through planning, and Larry was asked to look at grants from Homeland Security.
- The report was also shared from the leadership team meeting with Dr. McCall on his FACET initiative.

New Business:

- Mary Taylor Huntsman- Due to state budget cuts we will lose some of our data bases. We have purchased Microsoft Reader Software, and it is available to students. The International Festival Team would like an announcement to help increase participation from students.
- Cecilia Ramilo- What about success rates for transfer students? Data can be obtained from Amy. Requests forms are available. After much discussion, it was agreed that we would form an ad hoc committee made up of one person from each division to investigate the feasibility of creating some sort of exit exam for the AA/AS degree students. Council members are to send names of division reps to Kim prior to Faculty meeting.
- Cecilia Ramilo- Can we offer a more affordable and better selection of food in our cafeteria? It was discussed that the contract was negotiated by Larry Abbott and was determined to be an item for the Leadership team.
- Cecilia Ramilo- What is the criteria for overload calculation? Sharon stated that it was based on a division chair recommendation.
- Cecilia Ramilo- There was discussion about the field trip money, and it was decided that planning ahead was the best option and funding would go through your division budget.
- Lynn Shearer- Is it a necessity for an advisor to sign a withdrawal before the mid-term? What would the faculty think about the student being able to withdrawal without advisor signature

before mid-term? Item will be discussed in the next Faculty meeting on September 19th. Also Jon Burlew will chair the next faculty meeting. Kim will be absent.

- Lois McWhorter- Faculty meetings should not be allowed to stray from the agenda. That undermines the whole process and the purpose of the Faculty Council. If someone wants an item on the agenda, they should go through Faculty Council. Allowing prolonged tangents is counterproductive—killing the motivation and focus of many of the Faculty. Faculty will be reminded at the next faculty meeting. In addition, class CAPS information needs to be clarified. Sharon Whitehead said she would do that at the faculty meeting.
- Lois McWhorter- Why are the book store prices so high? It was discussed and stated that all complaints should be sent to Tim Zimmerman. Kim will bring up issue at Leadership team.
- How much money was spent on the new bicycles, and why weren't they advertised to the students? Dr. Marshall will be asked to address this issue.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:02pm.