

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

February 09, 2012

- I. Call to Order – quorum present**
- II. Roll call**
 - Present:** Drs. Stanley Howard (chair); David Boyles (past chair); P. V. Sundareshwar (recording secretary); Pat Gilcrease; Thomas Fontaine; Charles Tolle; Larry Stetler; Al Boysen; Frank Matejcek; Bill Cross; Marius Ellingsen; John Dreyer; Michael Foygel. **Not present:** Travis Kowalski; Chuck Kliche; and Dan Kratzer
 - Dr. Boysen sends regrets for a delay.
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of Minutes - 12 Jan 2012 minutes – motion to approve Howard second – Cross and Stetler. – Minutes approved.**
- V. Report from Chair**
 - General Faculty Meeting Jan 26, 4:00 pm
 - Main subject of interest was 12 month payout issues. Dr. Hrnecir met as well. Possibly change to General Ed requirement.
 - Cabinet – Met last week. Strategic plan coming out. Website coming out.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - A. Academic Affairs**
 - 1. Curriculum Requests – Dr. Cross**
 - a. BS in Eng Management will be terminated in about x years. Currently enrolled students will be allowed to graduate
 - b. Minor course modifications requested for several course.
 - c. Motion to approve all curriculum requests except the accelerated non-these MS in construction management and civil engineering. Seconded by Stetler; approved.
 - d. Dr. Logar presented the Accelerated MS programs – it was formerly approved that 9 credits could be used towards the accelerated MS program. No program is required to take this option. The intent was to create an Honor's program. Similar programs offered for several years. Requirements passed by CGE – 5 yr BS/MS program may be created / offered by any department if they so choose. The program is an Honor's program and students will have to meet additional requirements to qualify for it. Courses that are double counted must be approved prior to the program by the coordinator. Only SDSMT course eligible.
 - e. Objections to this – weakening the program. Request Dr. Logar for copy of the presentation.
 - f. Discussion on CEE and Construction Management accelerated program. Motion to reword item 6 in the CEE document regarding exception to a list of approved courses required to be taken by the students enrolled in the program. Motion to make the change to include a limit on the 3 credit hours that can be accepted.
 - 2. Faculty Expectations Documents – Dr. Cross**

- B. Research and Scholarly Affairs
- C. Finance and Personnel
- D. Student Affairs

Advising Task Force – Dr. John Dreyer

Final report is not out yet. Provost wished to have a Student advising Center (1 person + student staff??). Task force split on the issue. Students generally satisfied with advising: emphasis on retention

- E. University Relations
- F. By-Laws Committee
- G. Nominating Committee – moving along. Still can use more nominees
- H. Ad Hoc Committee on Proposed Modification of the Gen Ed Schedule – Dr. Fontaine

Senate viewed recommendation from a meeting. There 4th gen ed course can be taken after their sophomore year. Except IS, math and physics. See summary recommendations. Currently Tech Com II has to be taken no later than the fall semester. Sue – regarding points 3 and 4. – Support spreading Comp II further down the subsequent semester but requiring that the students take these course prior to their senior year; makes the course more meaningful and the students are more mature and a better prepared for other courses such as senior design; on #4; when exception was proposed in 2004-2005 by Dr. Whitehead. IS students also have difficulty in getting all the course in by the end of Junior year. Comes to head in the senior year. Dr. Howard suggested that that Dr. Shirley should develop this and bring to back to the Faculty Senate. Senators can take this back to their respective department. The intent here is to allow the departments the option to make these changes and is not required. Dr.

VII. Old Business

- A. Dr. White's request for IP input urged – Eric James
 - a. Dr. Boysen – Differences between old and new IP policy and impact on faculty.

Make roles and responsibility of everyone involved clear. Attempts to more clearly define pieces in the policy, also related to changes in the law. A) A grace period available: 1 yr after publication. B) If there is a university involved in a certain licensing right – University associated license worth more. Federal law goes into effect on March 13/17th.
COHE has filed an unfair Labor Practice (ULP) against BOR.
- B. Physical Plant System of response - Mr. Thomas Blume
 - a. Dr. Howard introduced Mr. Blume. Dave Bridge's replacement. Comes to SDSMT from Portland University in Oregon. He has more than 12 years of experience in facilities management. Believes in transparency and open communications, and welcomes the involvement of the departments on any project that relates to them.

- ## IX. Other