

27 January 2011

Minutes of Fall All Faculty Meeting

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Attendance

Dr. Robinson, Dr. Fick, Dr. Widener, Dr. Kowalski, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Capehart, Dr. Anagnostou, Dr. Boysen, Dr. Zhu, Dr. Dolan, Dr. Riley, Dr. Sagdeo, Dr. Bedillion, Dr. Paterson, Dr. Stetler, Dr. Muci, Dr. Ellingsen, Dr. Cross, Dr. Langerman, Dr. Uzunlar, Dr. D. Kliche, Dr. Howard, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jensen, Dr. Matejik, Dr. Korde, Dr. Dreyer, and Dr. Hower

Agenda

1. President Wharton
 - Ongoing strategic planning initiative, reports in March
 - Campus master plan making progress, next report in March
 - Legislative Session
 - Governor budget
 - 10% cut to BOR (\$1.4M at SDSMT)
 - SDSM&T ok with \$500,000 cut
 - No salary policy included
 - Current open positions will be filled as possible, but are subject to cut/hold, case-by-case decisions
 - Privatization proposal will be summer study by legislature
 - Need approx. \$500M unrestricted endowment
 - Campus Safety policies and procedures
 - Please familiarize with response procedures
 - Campus threat assessment team and RCPD response
 - Move to NCAA-Div.II
 - In year 1 of 3 year process
 - NCAA to conduct in-depth review of university
2. Campus Computing, Dr. Muci
 - Seeking recommendations for ITS in the areas of Distance Education, TabletPC, Research Computing, and Continuing Improvement
3. Policy Change Procedures and COHE, Dr. Boyles
 - Updates on BOR policy revisions
 - Policy updates are defining previously negotiated issues
 - COHE-BOR negotiations are underway
4. Science Elective, Dr. Cross
 - Catalog requires ENGR students must take “16 credits of Basic Science”
 - Currently some departments not meeting Basic Science requirement
 - Issues under consideration
 - Where/when did the requirement begin?
 - What are the ABET implications/definitions/limitations?
 - What is Basic Science? Who defines Basic Science?
5. Thanksgiving Holiday
 - Wednesday before Thanksgiving is an Official Instructional Holiday
6. Campus Employment Searches
 - 2 new contract, 2 pending contracts, 20 open positions
7. Enrollment

- Up 2.4% over last spring semester
 - Fall was up ~7% over last fall
8. Student Opinion Surveys
- On-line administration has decreased the response rate
 - Concerns about how are the results used in evaluation
9. +/- Grading
- Under discussion at the BOR level
10. Items from the floor
- Potential decrease in number of credits required to graduate from 136 to 130
 - Proposal to require completion of math courses within a specified number of credits