

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting
Orndorff Hall
May 1, 2014

Chairman: Asad Davari
Secretary: Barbara Douglas

Chairman Davari called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

I. The minutes of the April 3, 2014 Faculty Assembly meeting were approved.

II. Announcements/Achievements

Prior to the beginning of the meeting a request was made with a motion and approved to change the order of the agenda to allow Dr. Garth Thomas to present the candidates for graduation. The list of graduates as circulated was approved by the Faculty with one abstention.

III. Achievements

- Dr. Andrea Kent, Assistant Professor of Political Science
 - Presented a paper at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago the first week of April, a part of research hoping to get out over summer
 - Selected to go on the FACDIS Scholar-Diplomat seminar to Washington, DC. This was a three day talking event to 9 different speakers from think tanks and government all on the Iranian nuclear issue and current negotiations.
- Dr. Meliss Sartore, Assistant Professor of History
 - Will present a paper at the Medieval Animal Data-Network International Conference – Louisville, KY on May 6-7, 2014. The paper is titled “Hunting the wolf’s head: The outlaw as an animal in land, law and literature in Medieval England”
- Dr. Richard Squire, Associate Professor of Chemistry
 - The following article with authors Dr. Richard Squire and Dr. Houbing Song was published online: “Cyber-physical systems opportunities in the chemical industry: A security and emergency management example”.
 - The following article “Can Cooper Pairs in Benzene Lead to Efimov States?” was submitted by Richard H. Squire, Norman H. March, and Angel Rubio in “Molecular Physics”

IV. Administrative Report – President Carolyn Long

- Applications are down a little from last year
- At this time 62% of our freshmen have registered for next year, compared to last year it was 53%. Thanks to all who have made this possible.
- There are several applications that are pending due to missing information such as SAT/ACT scores
- Last year (4/29/13) there were 287 registered compared to this year (4/28/14) there are 567 registered.
- The Engineering Building will be having repairs done during this summer as well as Old Main and the blacktop going from Orndorff to the hill will be replaced with concrete.
- Please get feedback on the Chief Academic Officer candidates submitted
- Evaluations will occur in the Fall 2014 for the Dean of Students and Dean of BHSS positions.
- Thanks for the hard work this year and please plan to come to the picnic.

V. Chair Report – Dr. Asad Davari

- The Chief Academic Officer is an important position and it is important for faculty to get input back to the committee.
 - Comment: The attendance at the open meetings for faculty, staff and students was low. Could this be due to it being finals week? Dr. Davari commented that the candidates are aware of this being finals week.
- We are grateful to Dr. Nigel Clark , Associate Provost, Chair of Search Committee for his tireless effort and his time in this process and his dedication and support for Tech Campus.
- Please submit committee reports to Dr. Davari or Barbara Douglas before the end of the semester.

VI. Committee Reports

No reports at this time.

VII. Senate Report – Dr. Sandra Elmore

- The next Senate meeting will be May 12, 2014
- Calendar options for 2015-1016 will be on Senate agenda (Fall breaks are a part of the calendar)
- Adverse weather commitment statement – option for syllabus.
- Revisions to Promotion and Tenure document going forward with one change out of the Senate Executive Committee (Voting rights of Teaching Assistant Professor (TAP) – Last time the Promotion and Tenure document was revised was 1997. Other units (example – Tech) will adapt to this if passed. Tenure is not about security, it is about excellence per President Gee.
- GEC changes in process. Instead of 41-43 hours in GEC, proposal has 35-38 hours
- GEC - 9 areas reduced to 7 areas
- GEC – There will be an area the student can take 9 hours (student’s choice)
- Courses currently in GEC will be grandfathered in until their 5 year review.

VIII. Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) – Dr. Sandra Elmore

- Chancellor’s Report indicated that budget cuts were reduced from 7% to 3%
- ACF reported SB 330 waiting in the wings (salary schedule-staff)
- Mark Tour resigned and was replaced by Trish Clay who is now Acting Vice-Chancellor for HR
- ACF reported there was a conflict between “demands” and “expectations” and “realities” of a distressed higher education system at all levels.
- \$504.00 pay raises for all beginning July 1 (in base salary and to include all state employees)
- ACF retreat is July 20-21, 2014 in Canaan Valley Resort.

IX. Strategic Planning – Dr. Lisa Ferrara

- An update on the Strategic Plan will be presented at faculty workshops next week.

Comment: A request was made to have the schedule for next week sent again. Many faculty did not receive an email about the upcoming events.

X. Agenda

- Election Results – Dr. Martha Maus
 - Chair-Elect – Paul Rakes
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Deborah Beutler
 - Faculty Assembly Council (2 seats) – Susan Barton, Lisa Ferrara
 - Academic Appeals (2 seats) – Melissa Sartore, Cynthia Hall
 - Student Grievance (1 seat) – J.T. Hird

- Commencement and Official functions (1 seat) – Peggy Lambert-Fink
- Loans, Grants (1 seat) – Deb Chun
- New Business
 - This Saturday is Commencement – Dr. Peggy Lambert-Fink requested that faculty please be ready to line up by 9:30 AM.
 - Special recognition for the work that President Long has done. She has been vital to this institution and to the completion of the HLC report which provided enough information that the HLC did not need to make an onsite visit to the Tech campus.
 - Special recognition for Asad for doing a great job as Faculty Assembly Chair!

XI. Adjournment

- There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Douglas RN MSN