

01) Voting Members present:

Ellen Green

Thomas Taylor

Gokhan Karahan

Deborah Myers

Clint Tibbs

Pat Brown

Duane Shuttlesworth

Don Allan Mitchell

Douglas Mark

Catherine Hayes

Lekeitha Morris

Michael Amspaugh

Christopher Bounds

Carlisle Meek

Brett Oleis

Leslie Fadiga-Stewart

David Hebert

Margaret Swanson

02) Agenda: Approved.

Minutes: Approved to accept minutes of 02/14/13.

03) Faculty Senate President's Report:

President Laforge will begin April 15th. He sends the Faculty Senate greetings and wishes to express to each of us that he is a strong believer in shared governance. He states that he plans to move quickly to fill all open positions beginning with the Provost which will be a national search.

Canvas will be the new Management Learning System and training will begin soon.

04) University Entities:

Report from Staff Council: No Report

Report from Graduate Council: No Report

Report from BPAC: Sen. Oleis: It has been a successful season which means may break even; arts Camp brochure is available and is working on Corporate Sponsorship brochure. All Faculty are encouraged to seek sponsorships or refer any business contacts to the BPAC.

05) Faculty Senate Committees:

Committee on Elections: Sen. Hebert: Some depts. still have ballots out, should have a report by April 1 for new senators and proxy.

Committee on University Standing Committees: No Report

Committee on Technology: No Report

Committee on University Services: No Report

Committee on General Academic Affairs: Sen. Brown: Honor code Voted out of committee but we may wish to visit at some future time and it is noteworthy the DSU does not have an "Academic Dishonesty Committee"

1st & 2nd diploma – Suzanne Simpson, registrar provided some information related to repeated courses

Old Business:

Two and four year pre-tenure review notification: Sen. Karahan: This committee of Hebert, Somlai, Fadiga-Stewart and Karahan have met several times finding that the current document confusing and lacking specifics related to "time in rank." The following resolutions were presented:

Resolution 2013 – Number 2 - calling for: **A change to the Tenure and Promotion policies and the Handbook**
WHEREAS, currently the two policies and handbook do not call for written notifications to be sent to candidates in pre-tenure and promotion years. Discussion: resolution aims to benefit pre-tenure candidates by providing notification from their Chair when portfolios are due.

Resolution 2013 – Number 3 - calling for: **A change to the Tenure and Promotion policies and the Handbook**
WHEREAS, currently the two policies and handbook are not flexible as to when pre-tenure and pre-promotion portfolios are to be submitted for candidates receiving credit toward tenure and promotion. Discussion: There has been confusion as to when candidates given one to five years of credit toward tenure are to have their pre-tenure review(s).

Resolution 2013 – Number 4 - calling for: **A change to the Tenure and Promotion policies and the Handbook**
WHEREAS, currently the two policies and handbook have a single timeline with dates for pre-tenure and pre-promotion as well as promotion and tenure merged together and this has caused confusion for candidates
Discussion: discussion related to separating the pre-tenure and tenure checklist into two separate and clearly labeled documents. Also discussed: having pre-tenure portfolios due in fall and tenure reviews in spring; having the Provost offer training to tenure track faculty and re-enforcement of the policy in place at the time of hire. It was noted that it is necessary for the incoming President to reconvene this committee to continue work on these policies.
A motion was made, seconded and approved to suspend the rules and vote on all 3 resolutions: All 3 resolutions were approved. President Green will send out electronic copies for all Senators to share with their Departments.

First diploma/second diploma discussion: related to multi enrollment in class(es) or dropping very late with a passing grade in order to retake for "A". Request made to invite Registrar S. Simpson to speak to Faculty senate on this issue.

Training session for faculty – when is a threat considered a threat?

On **Friday, April 5th** from **1-2:30 PM** in **Jacobs Conference Center**, Dr. Jeff Walker, Professor and Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, will present on issues related to campus safety and security. Encourage everyone to attend.

I vs. IP for grades: Sen. Oleis: Committee met related to confusion over I or IP as noted in the Undergraduate bulletin and recommended that the timeline for grade changed to 6 months instead of one year. Discussion about effects on financial aid, confusion related to time and conversion to F and does banner do this automatically, different language in grad/undergrad catalogs.

New Business:

Advising Holds: Holds during pre-registration. – Will ask Registrar to discuss.

Faculty Evaluation forms: Resolution presented to formalize the current Faculty Evaluation Policy allowing for options of choice of evaluation format.

Adjournment: Motion by Sen. Mitchel/Shuttlesworth and Approved.

Note: Meeting to be changed since during spring break

Executive Committee Meeting Date: 3:30 PM - Thursday, 04/04/2013 - Faculty Lounge

February Senate meeting Date: 3:30 PM – Thursday, 04/11/2013 – 302A Union