

01) Voting Members present:

Gokhan R. Karahan
Nina Baghai-Riding
Daniel Glenn
Clint Tibbs
Debbie Allen
Eckward McKnight

Patricia Brown
Brett Oleis
Page Logan
Stephen A. Patton
Lynn Varner

Ellen S. Green
Duane Shuttlesworth
Allan Mitchell
David Hebert
Karen Bell

02) Agenda: 11/10/11 Approved Minutes: 10/13/11 Approved

03) Faculty Senate President's Report:

Ballots for elections have been sent out to the various departments. Please make sure to vote and encourage all other eligible Faculty in the department to vote.

Committee looking at the MAD document - Work is progressing, they have emailed all the Chairs and Deans on campus and attached our factors to consider concerning the MAD and asked if they wanted to add to the list. We also asked them to let us know the evaluation requirements of their accrediting bodies because we do not want to develop something that could be negated by some accreditation.

Please report any issues with the Academic Calendar to me quickly. It currently is 2,250 Minutes.

Why is Fall Break and Thanksgiving so long? Senate Body - The problem was with the Faculty's children. We wanted to be in line with public school holidays. The students also voice dissent about reducing the lengths.

Grievance Policy - I have only received one person's reply on responses on the policy. So I take it everyone is happy with it.

2011 Satisfaction Metric for TFA is out. We did outstanding in almost all areas.

SACS: The QEP Team has been organized and comprises twenty-four volunteers from across campus. David Salinero will convene the Team in November. I would like to thank Dr. Glenn for being on this committee.

I am asking for volunteers to represent the Faculty on the Bookstore vendor selection committee.

04) University Entities:

Report from Staff Council:

Projects Committee – We would like to adopt 10 children.

We would like to put together a relay for life team.

The Courtesy Committee now encompasses hourly employees. Donations are low.

Report from Graduate Council:

Emergency meeting – Approved one faculty member.

Report from BPAC: No Report

Report from Budget Committee: No Report

05) Faculty Senate Committees:

Committee on Elections:

Ballots for Merit Pay Appeals Committee have been sent out.

Committee on University Standing Committees: No Report

Committee on Technology: No Report

Committee on University Services: No Report

Committee on General Academic Affairs:

We met 2 weeks ago. We examined the tenure policy. We identified some issues. Some departments or divisions don't currently have a policy. We are unsure of what the roles of the Deans, Provost and President are.

06) Edwin Craft - Chief Information Officer - Question Time:

Why is BlackBoard slow?

BlackBoard issues are usually a problem with the local PC. Please submit a case file if you experience difficulties.

What is DSU's bandwidth?

We track bandwidth regularly and add as needed. We shape bandwidth with university business as our first priority. This includes BlackBoard. We currently have 90mb up and 90mb down of bandwidth.

Is BlackBoard an onsite or is it out of town?

BlackBoard is hosted on site.

Usability of Blackboard?

The most current version of BlackBoard 9.2 is buggy so we are holding off on that upgrade until the issues are sorted out.

Will there be a BlackBoard app for the iPod?

The iPad app is for the most current version of BlackBoard.

OIT Mini-Grants: are they coming back? When will a classroom iPad be made available to the faculty that can be checked out to use for a class?

We have delayed the mini grants until the new BlackBoard employee is hired. We would like to hire someone who takes us forward not backwards. The mini grant funding is there. It is safely set aside.

One unified credential system?

We would like to have a single sign on solution.

Will we have more bandwidth? Daniel Glenn
The answer is yes; we always add more bandwidth.

Will we upgrade the exchange server? Matt Jones
We are running 2003 we would like to upgrade to 2010. We plan to upgrade over spring break. Once we begin the upgrade cell phones and tablets will not have access to our DSU email for 5 days. Your desktop computers should not have difficulties though.

When will we upgrade to Windows 7 on campus?
In the next year we plan to move to Windows 7 for desktops.

Can we avoid maintenance windows during finals week?
I will look into that.

Can we implement an intranet product that includes Wiki and document collaboration; for example Lotus Sametime & Quickr or MS SharePoint.
Some departments are already using SharePoint and we are looking into it.

I have received numerous complaints about submitting/uploading documents. The system freezes a lot. While in the middle of taking quizzes and tests, you can imagine this creates a lot of anxieties. I am mainly concerned with the assessments within blackboard. – Page Logan
Most BlackBoard issues are related to JAVA.

Note: We would like to expand our wireless network.

07) Old Business:

08) New Business:

Elsie Lynn Ervin: CART – The Confidential Assessment Response Team and the new reporting software for faculty, staff, and students to use.

The Confidential Assessment Response Team, a behavioral intervention team which is chaired by Elsie Lynn Ervin in the Office of Student Life.

Our team is here to assist administration, faculty, staff, and students with behavioral issues, using the assistance of new software for reporting and record keeping purposes.

To report an incident, please follow the steps listed below for online reporting:
Internet > DSU homepage > QUICKLINKS > Resources > CART

Then begin reporting and report completely and in detail. The more details, the more you are helping resolve the issue(s).

The anonymous link is available, but it is very helpful if there is someone that I (or possibly a team member) can contact for additional information. Your identity is one of the most confidential items on the report.

Discussion of the following:

- a) For the university to communicate any changes that are made to the Tenure and Promotion document.

- b) For tenure policy to be Fixed / Tied to the year a person starts their employment or starts the tenure process. Example: student using academic catalog.

We were told this was not possible.

- c) The Drop Forms:

- i. Should we stop using the students to carry a faculty form through the academic process?
Can the process be completely online?

- ii. Is the current University form adequate or does it need to be revised?
The DSU website currently has the old and new withdraw forms online. The old forms should be removed entirely.

- iii. Do the dates for the enforcement of a grade ("W" or "F") and final drop date, need to be reconciled?
Why do we have a cutoff date?
What are the possible grades a student can receive when dropping a course?
What do those types mean to the university and the student dropping?

Withdrawal with a passing grade translates into a W. Withdrawal with a failing grade translates into an F.

The Course File that is submitted to IHL does not count W's but does count F's.
(Beverly Moon)

- iv. Should a student be given a grade at all or just receive a "W" when they drop a class?
How do we determine if a student has the correct grade to qualify for a W?
(Gokhan Karahan)

The policy is "Courses dropped after the deadline printed in the University Calendar are recorded on the student's permanent record as "W" if the student's average grade is passing or "F" if failing at the time of withdrawal" (Beverly Moon's emphasis). The assumption is a student will be given a W if the student is currently passing the course. The student's standing would be assessed based on the work done up to that point, not the work expected through the end of the semester. (Beverly Moon)

Should we invite the Registrar's Office to speak on these matters?
Yes we should invite John Elliott and someone from the Office of Financial Assistance simultaneously since the process is so interconnected.

Move to table. (David Hebert) Vote Result - Tabled.

09) Adjournment: Approved