

01) Voting Members present:

Ellen Green

Charles Abraham

Don Allan Mitchell

Douglas Mark

Catherine Hayes

Lekeitha Morris

Jacqueline Craven

Vicki Webster

Christopher Bounds

Carlyse Meek

Brett Oleis

Leslie Fadiga-Stewart

Michael Mounce

Duane Shuttlesworth

Thomas Taylor

Gokhan Karahan

Deborah Myers

Clint Tibbs

David Hebert

02) Agenda: Approved to accept with reorder of Guest Speakers first.

Minutes: Approved to accept minutes of 01/10/13.

03) Guest Speaker: Richard Houston, Director of Counseling & Student Health/Asst. Professor asked for help of faculty for grant they have received for training for making referrals of mental health or other referrals for students – it is a simulation avatar/classroom – to respond to threats/suicidal thoughts and attempts; student are not going to self-refer to the counseling center. This will be campus wide in the fall of 2013; “Gatekeeper Software” you do at your desk. Reminder that a “Suicide Prevention” presentation will be provided on Friday, Feb. 22 in Room 302A. The afterhours Hotline # is **1-800-273-TALK**

04) Faculty Senate President's Report:

LMS system change – down to 2 systems – Blackboard 9 and Canvas – Both would require training – information was distributed on which eBooks are available on each system.

Edwin Craft, Chief Information Officer for OIT, spoke about the Learning systems stating that a committee of 14 faculty looked at 12 systems, all but 3 were ruled out; OIT did not vote but looked at the technical aspects and they ruled out one, leaving Blackboard 9 and Canvas – He discussed the Nursing issue with the Consortium that provide nursing degrees through the various IHL institutions – The committee voted was tied 7 to 7; moving to either will require training whichever is chosen; Wimba (owned by Blackboard but will work with wimba or go to collaborate or another such tool by online classroom discussion; state contract originally seemed to indicate that Blackboard would be easier- but that will depend on IHL decision there may be a cost savings by going with Canvas but Blackboard cost savings being investigated; Canvas seems to be all inclusive including a trainer – Blackboard does break out some prices (Phone app – students purchase 99 cents) MS State is presenting info to IHL – They have Blackboard.

Q & A: “Will they be ready for summer?” - Our license with blackboard expires 7/10/13 – a “fall” go live is projected.

“When will training begin?” As soon as a decision is reached.

“What are 2<sup>nd</sup> year forward costs?” Equal generally and annually comparable.

We are awaiting IHL decision on MS State presentation – Academic council will make the decision on which platform.

Motion passed: (made by Sen. Hebert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Mitchell) That a Faculty Presentation on Blackboard and Canvas be provided.

Annual Evaluations are due March 1<sup>st</sup> – Use MAD/FAR/ or other approved format.

Reminder that Updated CV dated June 30, 2012 due March 1<sup>st</sup> to your chair.

05) University Entities:

Report from Staff Council: Collecting Relief supplies for USM – hygiene products thru 2/21/13

Report from Graduate Council: No Report

Report from BPAC: Sen. Oleis: There are 2 remaining performances this semester at the Bologna. They are: Biloxi Blues on March 4<sup>th</sup>, and An evening of Delta Soul with Steve Azar on April 11<sup>th</sup>. BPAC is working with the Kennedy Center – Laura Howell named as new BPAC Director; New outreach to corp. sponsors continues; Matinees have been very successful.

06) Faculty Senate Committees:

Committee on Elections: Chairs notified-ballots being prepared-Lists of eligible sent – March 2 to report

Committee on University Standing Committees: No Report

Committee on Technology: No Report

Committee on University Services: No Report

Committee on General Academic Affairs: awaiting reply on the Honor Pledge

07) Old Business:

Honor Pledge Resolution: See General Academic committee report

Senior Grades Resolution: January 31, 2013 – Passed Academic Council – to be implemented Fall 2013.

First diploma/second diploma discussion: Data Being Reviewed

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

Speaker being brought in after Spring – Co-Sponsor by Criminal Justice Department

08) New Business:

Two & Four year pre-tenure review notification: Sen. Hebert

Discussion: 2/4 year pre-tenure review notification current process that 0 now being notified by Fall (Sept1) suggested that 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> year going for tenure be notified by department Tenure and Promotion Committee Chair by October 31 of the Fall of documents expected – to allow ample time for preparation – if they are not currently required – they should be required. Dr. Lotven stated that policy written as if it is required but there is no punishment and no one is doing so perhaps issue needs to be reviewed.

Motion passed: (made by Sen. Hebert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Oleis) AdHoc Committee to be constituted by Pres. Green to review pre-tenure process - 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> year process of Tenure & promotion; ask to examine for consistency – members to be tenured faculty.

I vs IP Grading: Dr. Lotven has a committee reviewing this issue – as there is a difference and some students lost scholarship monies over. Sen. Oleis to provide update report.

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, 03/07/2013 - Faculty Lounge

**February Senate meeting Date:** 3:30 PM – Thursday, 03/21/2013 – 302A Union