Minutes

University of Central Arkansas Faculty Senate

Thursday, February 26th, 2015

12:45 p.m. – Room 315: Wingo Hall

**Attendance:**

College of Business: Kaye McKinzie (2015), Don Bradley (2016), Doug Voss (2017)

College of Education: Shoudong Feng (2015), Jud Copeland (2016), Kevin Stoltz (2017)

College of Fine Arts and Communication: Garry Craig Powell (2015), Jane Dahlenburg (2016), VACANT (2017)

College of Health and Behavioral Sciences: K.C. Poole (2015), Duston Morris (2016), Mitchum Parker (2017) a

College of Liberal Arts: Jacob Held (2015), Chris Craun (2016), John Parrack (2017)

College of Natural Science and Mathematics: Rahul Mehta (2015), Ben Rowley (2016), Lori Isom (2017)

At Large Senators: Debbie Bratton (2015) a, Art Lichtenstein (2015), Kim Eskola (2016), Amber Wilson (2016), Lisa Christman (2017), Lisa Ray (2017)

Part-Time Senator: Deb Forssman Hill (2015)

1. Call to Order – By Senator Bradley
   1. Call to order 12:45
2. Comments: Faculty Senate President Bradley
   1. Will discuss Coke money further on in the meeting.
   2. Will be considering info regarding the financial model for on-line courses
   3. Reminder: Special meeting March 19th.
   4. Will be going to the State Capital on March 12th.
   5. President will not be in attendance today.
   6. Turn over to Student Rep.
      1. Motion to suspend Senator Wilson, Second Senator Lichtenstein
      2. Vote: unanimous in favor
      3. Ms. Thompson on the Big Event
         1. Community service project: volunteer to the Conway community.
         2. Occurs on March 14th. Deadline to volunteer sign up is March 3rd, Deadline for job requests in March 6th.
   7. Statistics on Admitted students.
      1. We’re down on the ACT 30-36 numbers.
      2. We’re in the process of trying to recruit a better quality student.
3. Comments: President Courtway
   1. N/A
4. Comments: Provost Runge
   1. Honors College applications are up, and the quality of those students is also increasing.
   2. Correction re: Comment 3. Searches, section b: Last 2 Skype interviews for Online Learning position will occur on 02-26-15.
   3. UCA Online Proposal
      1. Will have 2 new programs (General Business, and Health Studies) and BSN in nursing.
      2. These are the programs identified for Fall of 2015, and other programs will likely be added in the future. Marketing will begin in late spring and will focus on these online undergraduate programs. Graduate marketing for online programs has already started, so this year we’ll focus on undergraduate.
   4. Questions:
      1. Senator Copeland: The incentives are a good idea. On point I.e, is this about dealing with community colleges…
         1. Provost Runge: Yes, we’re looking at students who have some course work already and they will finish the degree here. That’s how we intend to start. But in the future I anticipate we’ll build the program up and down to where we are offering full programs on line. This does not deal with concurrent enrollment. But we should be thinking about that. For example, Arkansas students are going to be required to take an online course. In addition, schools are going to be offering computer science courses. So these are discussions we want to be involved in.
   5. Vote on this proposal to endorse it.
      1. Suspension of the rules
         1. Move Senator Wilson, Second Senator Lichtenstein.
            1. Vote: fails due to not achieving 2/3.
5. Consideration of Minutes – February 10th, 2015
   1. Move Senator Wilson, Second Senator Eskola
   2. Vote, unanimous in favor
6. Report from Committee on Committees: Senator Rowley
   1. No report
7. Faculty Senate resolution to support the UCA Online Proposal (See Attached)
   1. Move Senator Wilson, Second Senator Ray
   2. Discussion
      1. Senator Parrack: Who formulated the resolution?
         1. Provost Runge: After discussions last week Senator Bradley wrote a resolution based on the recommendations/proposal I handed you today. This did not come from a committee.
         2. Senator Bradley: This idea began with a committee, such as the report out of faculty affairs regarding what was needed.
         3. Senator McKinzie: This resolution is a surprise to us, to those on the committee charged with handling this issue.
         4. Senator Morris: When those of us met, met we were bringing this together to try and secure the support of the senate as we move forward on online programming.
         5. Senator Bradley: This was not done by one person. This is a compromise that seems to deal with funding and move with online more quickly.
         6. Provost Runge: This compromise promotes new developments without forgetting or ignoring those that have already implemented online programs.
         7. Senator Isom: There’s no problem with the content here, but there is an issue regarding process. Was this done properly?
            1. Anyone can bring a resolution forward.
            2. Senator Rowley: We could rework it now and vote on it, or send it back to rework it and then vote on it.
            3. Senator Parrack: Refer this to academic affairs.

Move Senator Parrack, Second Senator Rowley

Discussion

Senator McKinzie, we’ll send it back saying it’s fine.

Senator Dahlenberg: Where will the fees go? Not faculty remuneration but are they going to the dept or UCA online?

Provost Runge: Right now the fees go to the general revenue of the university, not to the depts. that offer these courses. . That’s how it is currently done. In the future we plan to reallocate these funds to the departments.

* 1. Motion to send it to committee: Academic Affairs
     1. 3 Yays, 18 Nays, 2 abstentions. It does not go back to committee
     2. Change wording to reflect the group more accurately.
        1. Senators Wilson and Ray accept the amendment.
  2. Vote on resolution
     1. Passes unanimously with 4 abstentions.

1. UCA Online Coca-Cola Proposal
   1. Remainder of Coca-Cola Faculty Senate Money to be used for traditional instruction, online course grants in Pool 1 and 2, evenly distributed across the three categories. This will be administered through the IDC.
   2. The UCA Online Proposal is to be presented by Provost Runge during his comments
   3. Takes $34,000 we have left and puts it in those funds that people will compete for via the IDC. We are receiving the same amount of money next year that we received this year.
   4. Move to table Senator Parrack, Second Senator Christman
      1. Vote: All in favor with 2 abstentions.
   5. Senator Morris: We keep coming up with options and yet haven’t made a determination. We need to spend this money.
   6. Senator Bradley: not everything has to come through a committee, any member of this body can bring things before the senate so long as it is brought forward three days in advance.
2. Report from Faculty Affairs I Committee
   1. No report
3. Report from Faculty Affairs II Committee
   1. No report
4. Report from Academic Affairs Committee
   1. Senator Craun: Have a report ready. Will present next meeting.
5. Announcements
6. Faculty Concerns
   1. Senator Isom:
      1. Bookstore: Requirement that we are not allowed to tell students to locate books elsewhere. A faculty member mentioned in an online video that students could locate books elsewhere. The bookstore found this and came after the faculty member.
      2. Chemistry is also being told we can’t sell goggles because the bookstore does.
      3. What does the contract actually require of us?
      4. A large number of faculty would like to express gratitude for putting safety first during the recent inclement weather alerts.
   2. Senator Eskola:
      1. Spend a lot for parking, but yet can’t find faculty parking spots.
      2. Give 9 month faculty the option to spread it out over 12months as we could in days past.
      3. Old desks in the classroom that are too small for our students.
      4. Farris center needs updates. That is a public building and we have a lot of events over there. It is dated.
   3. Senator Ray:
      1. Would like clarification on the bookstore gag order. What exactly is the policy?
7. Adjournment

There will be an additional Faculty Senate Meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 12:45 p.m. in Wingo 315. This meeting is not expected to last more than 45 minutes.