Faculty Senate Minutes

05/03/2022, 3:45pm

Senators Present:

* Brandon English (President)
* Ellie Camann - AST, BIO, CHE, ENV, GEY, PHY, SCI
* Heather Duncan - MAT
* Amy Buckingham (Secretary)- COM, CRJ, POS, PSY, SOC, SWK
* Chelsea Campbell - CAD, EGG, EGT, EMP, EMS, FST, LEA, OUT, PED, PRA, WQM
* Erika Iverson (Arvada Campus) - DMS, HHP, HPR, HWE, MAP, MOT, NUA, NUR, PAP, RTE
* Derek Lan- ANT, ASL, GEO/GIS, HIS, JPN, SPA
* Carol Martin - ECE, ECO, EDU, HUM, PHI
* Janet Tarase (Vice President) - ACC, BUS, MAN, MAR, CAR, EIC, HVA, PLU, SBM, REE
* Kevin Kelley - CCR, ENG, LIT
* Julie Schneider- CSC, CIS, CWB, CNG

Senators Missing:

* Berndt Savig - ART, DAN, FIW, FVM, FVT, JOU, MGD, MUS, PHO, THE

Visitors:

* Jodi Holzman

1. Introduction of new faculty president, Brandon English
   1. Number one purpose is shared governance
   2. What is it? Needs to be defined within the context of administration
   3. Communication to date has been essentially one directional (VP to Deans to Faculty); Senate president will attend as many meetings as possible to represent faculty
   4. Brandon will hold office hours in Arvada as well
   5. Micro polls will be delivered to faculty, one question/one time per week, to aid in communication
   6. Agendas moving forward will be prioritized and minimized
2. Updates
   1. Classroom requests have been received and are being worked on
   2. Data Points from Brian
      1. Data from Brian Bryant is lacking in many areas
      2. Currently being combed through by the Senate President, would like context to help decipher
      3. Will be shared with senate members on the Teams site so that updates can easily be made
   3. Pay raises
   4. During collaboration council Dr. Haney said we would know what pay raises would look like by the end of April
   5. Professional Development Funds
      1. Availability will be questioned by the senate president
      2. Consideration of the college providing the money for required certifications
3. Questions to Deans
   1. Senate President will be attending the deans meeting moving forward
   2. As questions arise we should forward them on to the Senate President
4. Welcome new members
   1. Matthew Watts - MAT
   2. Shane Spivey - AST, BIO, CHE, ENV, GEY, PHY, SCI
   3. Toni Nicholas - ANT, ASL, GEO/GIS, HIS, JPN, SPA
   4. Please identify a proxy in the case of senator absence
   5. Vote for VP
      1. Shane Spivey
   6. Vote for Secretary
      1. Amy Buckingham
5. Workload updates
   1. The email sent out is a recommendation from the committee; not an official procedure change until the proper steps are carried out
   2. This proposal is a recommendation for the entire college; each division will be able to adjust time as needed above the minimum if the policy is established
   3. Senate would like to confirm that this will not be passed over the summer; feedback period needs to occur when faculty are on contract. Chelsea and Ellie will make this clear in the next collaboration council meeting
   4. A micro poll (1 question) will be sent out to assess faculty perspective and feelings about the current operational guideline and to help determine further action; look for this in the coming days
6. Revise Adjunct Procedures: [RRPR 3-11](https://www.rrcc.edu/human-resources/procedures/RRPR3-11)
   1. Would like to increase adjunct credit hour allowance to 15 from 12; this is a work in progress
      1. 12 credits will likely remain as the maximum for fall
7. Strategic Plan Initiatives (Tabled until next academic year)
   1. Guided pathways evaluations and assessment
   2. Concurrent Enrollment performance- how can we perform better?
8. OER Committee
   1. Members needed; will likely be larger than the first 4 grants combined
   2. Contact Karen Neville
   3. Committee wants to add more faculty;
   4. Meet on Fridays once or twice a month—meetings frequently cancelled; not incredibly time intensive
   5. charge is part of conveying OER course information to students
9. Faculty Senate meetings (AY 22-23)
   1. Meeting will be held at the same time
   2. Would like face to face to be the priority; remote options will still be provided
10. Other
    1. All faculty will be added to the Senate Teams site