

ACADEMIC STAFF SENATE MEETING *MINUTES*

June 8, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Tu, , Ryan Kreuser (Chair), Jen Bird (Secretary), Sue Holm, Ray Reinertsen, Lynne Williams, Scott Smith, Jenice Meyer, Angie Hugdahl

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Meeting called to order at by Chair at 10:10am.

I. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Approval of May 9th meeting minutes (action item)
 - i. Reinertsen motion. Hugdahl second. Approved.
- b. Other Old Business
 - i. Nothing to report.

II. New Business

- a. Telecommuting Policy
 - i. Discussed updated draft policy. Reinertsen motion to approve with changes. Meyer second. Approved.
 - ii. Kreuser will send this proposal to Faculty Senate for informational purposes. Reinertsen recommended sending it to the head of TAUWP as well.
- b. Union Elections
 - i. Kreuser brought a letter regarding concerns with the elections to the staff. Other senators also discussed concerns that had been brought to them. Meyer motion to write letter to Peggy Fecker requesting that the way information is shared about votes is clarified with OSER. Bird amended to ask her to advocate for updating the policy to allow for sharing information about the vote electronically. Meyer motion to approve with amendment. Reinertsen second. Approved.
 - ii. Meyer discussed that it may be important to talk with AFT to learn about their processes for informational purposes so that we can ask questions for how they work. Senators agree to invite the head negotiator and Union President to come and talk to our group so we can ask questions and share information with the academic staff as a whole about what happens now. Tu also recommended having more Q&A sessions.
 - iii. Reinertsen inquired about having information shared on screens in the various buildings to increase communication. Reinertsen will talk with Mary Schoeler about the possibility of this.
- c. Academic Staff Professional Development Grants Review. Grants discussed. Reinertsen motion to fund those requesting over \$1000 to receive \$1000 max and that the others receive the max they requested. Smith second. Approved.
 - i. Results are as follows:
 1. Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks – yes - \$1000
 2. Diek Carlson – yes - \$484
 3. Donna Dahlvang – yes - \$376
 4. Angie Hugdahl- yes - \$1000
 5. Gary Gulbrandson – yes - \$1000
 6. Leah Kohlts – yes - \$1000
 7. Kim LeBard Rankila – yes - \$1000
 8. Steve Nelson – yes - \$1000
 9. Marilyn Toscano- yes - \$1000
 10. Tom Tu – yes - \$1000
 11. Lee Parker – questions, Kreuser is following up
 12. Reilly O’Halloran – yes - \$989
 13. Matt Siverling – yes -\$1000

14. Mickey Fitch –no – wrong fiscal year
- d. Other new business
 - i. Reinertsen suggested some ideas:
 1. Free MWC memberships for faculty and staff
 2. Increasing class sizes minimally – Reinertsen will talk with Steve Rosenberg
 3. Survey to academic staff about wants and needs – Kreuser will work on a survey
 - ii. Bird recommended that senators email Kreuser and Bird ideas for our topics of discussion and priorities
 - iii. System Rep – Williams will follow up with Kreuser

Smith motioned to adjourn meeting. Reinertsen second. Meeting adjourned at 12:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Bird