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Approved Minutes

Faculty Senate Regular Meeting
Friday, February 11, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT BRENT SHOULDERS AT 12:00 PM

Roll Call

AE—Tito Aznar, Stacy Nordquist, Brent Shoulders

ASN—Sydney Wilkinson, Megan Steele, Matt Branstine, Laura Franks

BT—Steve Martin, Julia Bird

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Wilkinson presented the minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Steele brought up that there was some missing discussion regarding Nursing moving to the College of Online Learning. Ms. Wilkinson said that she would go back and correct that mistake. Ms. Steele moved to table the approval of the minutes till the next meeting. Ms. Bird seconded. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

President Report – Mr. Shoulders had not specific report, anything to bring up will be later in new business.

Vice President Report – Mrs. Franks reported about the Handbook Committee and mentioned this because Faculty Senate was mentioned quite often throughout the Handbook. She wanted some feedback about the work being done so far. She also brought up the salary study committee and that they will not be meeting until a new administration is in place and action can be done.

Secretary Report –

NEW BUSINESS

General Education Changes

Mr. Shoulders discussed the possibility of the amount of Humanities hour requirements being changed. Mr. Aznar reported that this is something being discussed by the Board of Regents to lower the requirement of Humanities hours. There was discussion about the impacts of this. This is something that has been brought up by a couple different sources but we are still uncertain on the source of this and the potential for it happening. This would have a huge impact on the faculty involved in these areas. Mr. Shoulders is going to look into this a little more and get more information. There was some questions about accreditation and the impacts about this.

Possible Move of Nursing to COOL

Mr. Shoulders brought up the potential for Nursing to move to the College of Online Learning. Mr. Shoulders had sent an email with correspondence that he had between himself and administration with questions about this move. He had expressed the Faculty Senate's concern about this action and ours hesitancy about the move. Ms. Steele mentioned that there has been some confusion because Nursing faculty were told that the move had officially happened, but from recent correspondence, that was not the case. There is concern about the move to COOL because they are not necessarily an "academic college" and more concerns were brought up about changes to the curriculum and how that would work if we are having more programs moved over to COOL. Conversations were had about the COOL and its function and that their role is more of a

departmental type role and less of a college and that is has gone beyond what its initial purpose was explained to be. There is significant crossover with colleges because of this. It was suggested that Nursing should really be in a college of their own if not under the college they are currently in.

Summer Sessions

Mr. Shoulders brought up that summer sessions are now 7 weeks. He mentioned talking to Brandi Garnett to make that transition to your courses if you needed assistance. Ms. Steele asked if this was permanent and it is our understanding that this is how it will be moving forward in the summer sessions. There was concern that this has not been an official announcement and not specifically relayed to those teaching. Most have just heard from word of mouth. The reasons for this change was discussed, siting Department of Education and the issue with courses overlapping going into the Fall Semester.

CapEd Relationship

There was some concern about the relationship with CapEd and the recruitment arrangement. The agreement was that if CapEd recruited a student then they would receive part of the money that came from that class. The issue that has arisen is that there is not a good way to determine who recruited the student and that CapEd has been claiming to recruit all students so they are receiving payment for all students. Some additional discussion related to the design and development of courses and the concern about the lack of access to the courses that were designed.

OLD BUSINESS

Presidential Search Committee

Discussion about the status of the committee. The information about the committee is on the OPSU Website and they will be meeting to determine candidates to interview. This should be happening in March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COASN – Top Hand Auction was a great success. Scholarships in honor of Craig Latham, Hadly McCormick and Cinch Bullock have been started and quite a bit of money was raised for this. OPSU Bull Test Sale is on February 21st. OPSU Rodeo is scheduled for last weekend of April.

COBT – Mr. Shoulders let everyone know that there was a resolution passed by Student Senate to honor PBL.

COAE – Art Auction is March 4th, Art Jubilee is April 13-15th, and Senior Exhibits are in May. Taking applications for vacant faculty positions. Theater program is back, play is in April.

Next meeting is TBD.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Franks moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

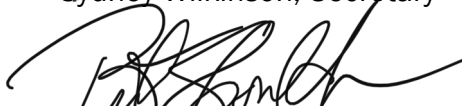
Submitted by Sydney Wilkinson, Secretary



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Brent Shoulders, President

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