Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2014

Prillaman Hall 1105

3:30-4:45 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President, Cindy Bowers at 3:33pm.

A quorum was established with 27 voting members in attendance.

The meeting minutes from May 5, 2014 were approved by consent.

**Elections**. The following positions need to be filled for the 14/15 academic year. These officers become members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) and will be expected to also attend FSEC meetings in addition to meetings called by other shared governance bodies.

**OFFICE NOMINEE(S) Previous (2013/14)Officer**

Vice-President/President-elect Humayan Zafar Cindy Bowers
Secretary Doug Moodie Chris Dockery
Administrators Senate Liaison Humayan Zafar
Student Government Liaison Christine Ziegler
Chairs Council Liaison Dick Gayler

Staff Senate Liaison Doug Moodie

\*Faculty Handbook Committee Christine Ziegler

 \*Elected from FSEC

**Current officers elected last year are:**

 President Cindy Bowers

 PTFC President Yvonne Wichman

 Past FS President Ken White

 We also need a Senator to serve on the Policy Process Council.

Nominations will continue through August 20, 2014 and elections will be online.

**Discussion items.**

* **eCore:** Despite rejection by both KSU and SPSU faculty, BoR has determined that all USG units will participate in eCore.

President Papp indicated that the BOR intends to have all members of the USG participate. Timeline: decisions will be finalized by the end of FY15.

* OWGs 68, 69, 70 covering shared governance.

Provost Harmon indicated that the working groups were reconciling differences.

**Informational Items.**

* VoiP—information on the new phone system. Training is available at http://uits.kennesaw.edu/voip/index.html and old phones will be collected starting 8/25/2014.
* State DoA rules on driving on behalf of KSU and employee certification: Office of Strategic Security and Safety. http://www.kennesaw.edu/sss/index.php
* RFID decals: Question was posed regarding type of information emitting from new RFID stickers and possible invasions of privacy: Douglas J. Gilliland at Parking responds:

“The new RFID technology uses a radio frequency and will be similar to technology we currently use for the hangtags.  The only information that will be read through the system on the RFID will be for access purposes.  This being said the RFID will confirm that the decal is valid for that specific parking area on campus.”

* Digital Measures and Course Evaluations. Faculty is concerned about the “weight” given to student evaluations in light of the very poor response rates/lack of representative sample to properly evaluate the course. FSEC will be looking into policy language and “weights.”
* Other issues: the following items are still under consideration though they were discussed in last year’s Senate:
* Web accessibility and reasonable accommodations and required syllabus language
* Social media and recording of classes by students and required syllabus language
* Weblink for all required syllabus language to be placed in syllabuses rather than all the separate policies; need to set up weblink
* PTFC changes on titles and terms for Handbook
* Office hours—f2f or virtual—number of hours?
* External letters for T&P; there is a meeting with Dr. Papp 8/12 to discuss implementation and also eCore; two letters are in the language from 5/5 Senate meeting

**Other matters as arising.**

* Information regarding the restructuring of the ombuds office was in the August campus update from President Papp.
* +/- grading will be revisited after consolidation is complete.
* Motion to adjourn at 4:44pm.