

Faculty Senate Minutes (emergency meeting)

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May 4, 2012

Present: J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Baldwin, Beltz, Chambers, Concannon, Engelhart, Friday, Garrett, Klaus, Larkin, Louis, Lyle, Miller, Spencer, Zimmer

Absent: Bowden, Garcia, Griffith, Keys, Li, Tejada-Delgado

Guests: Billeaux, Cox, Graham, Huerta, Smart

1. The Speaker, Spencer, called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.
2. Introductions of new senators:
Sara Baldwin, CONHS, was introduced.
3. The minutes for the 4-13-2012 meetings were presented for approval in two sections: (1) last meeting of the 2011-2012 Senate (moved by Miller, seconded by Louis to approve; motion carried); and (2) first meeting of the 2012-2013 Senate (moved by Miller, seconded to Louis to approve; motion carried).
4. Additional agenda items:
Spencer (as Speaker) added an item to the agenda: a short presentation/discussion of Robert's Rules of Order. Lyle, the parliamentarian, presented an overview of Rules of Order that pertain to the general meeting. Discussion was included.

Spencer added approval of the Honors Program to the agenda as an emergency item. She asked to move discussion of the Core Curriculum changes to the next item, as Dr. Huerta was here as a guest to speak about it. Friday moved to approve the agenda with additions, Chambers seconded; the motion carried.

5. New Business (visitor):
Carlos Huerta, Core Director, provided an overview of the new system-wide core curriculum to begin Fall 2014. He shared the background for the changes, the make-up of the Core Curriculum Committee, and the difficulty of reducing the Core from 45 hours to 42 hours. Discussion followed. The Core Curriculum Committee recommendations were presented for approval.
6. Old Business: Tabled items
 - 6.1 Minor in Religious Studies and a minor in Kinesiology. Friday moved, Louis seconded to discuss the two minors represented. Motion carried. Discussion followed.
 - 6.2 Miller moved; Klaus seconded to approve the minor in Religious Studies. Motion carried with 15 yeas, and 1 abstention.
 - 6.3 Friday moved; J. Anderson seconded to approve the minor in Kinesiology. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 6.4 Friday moved; Chambers seconded to discuss the Procedures for Grade Appeal. Motion carried. Discussion followed.

6.5 J. Anderson moved; Larkin moved to move the Procedures for Grade Appeal to an action item. Motion carried. Vote taken to approve the procedures, 12 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 abstentions.

6.6 J. Anderson moved; Friday seconded a motion to discuss the presented revised Honors Program. Motion carried. A lengthy discussion followed.

6.7 Friday moved; Klaus seconded to move the Honors Program proposal to an action item with discussion. Motion carried. Discussion followed.

6.8. Friday moved; Baldwin seconded to table this proposal item and send it back to the Honors Program Committee with recommendations from the Faculty Senate. These recommendations will be sent to the Speaker to be forwarded to Dr. Berkich. The motion carried with 10 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 abstentions.

7. In the discussion above, approaching the 4pm adjournment time, Garrett moved; Friday seconded to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Motion carried.

8. The retreat for the Faculty Senate will be Wednesday, August 15, 2012, from 9am to 4pm.

9. Having no further business the meeting Chambers moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Beltz
Senate Secretary