

Faculty Senate Meeting  
May 3, 2013  
2:00 p.m.  
OCNR 363

**Present:** Senators Anderson, Araiza, Baldwin, Bowden, Chambers, Concannon, Giraldo, Griffith, Kar, Keys, Klaus, Larkin, Miller, Moreno, Spencer, Tejeda-Delgado and Zimmer;

**Ex Officio:** Provost Markwood and Vice Provost Meyer

**Absent:** Senators Brown, Crane, Engelhardt, Friday, and Wines;

**Ex Officio:** Leslee Basse, Staff Council Representative, and Cely Smart

**Guests:** L. D. Chen, John Fernandez and Scott King

I. 2:03 **Call to order**

II. David Miller **approved the agenda**; Valrie Chambers seconded the motion

III. **Introduction of any senators** who were not present 4/26: Jennifer Anderson – one of 2 library representatives

IV. **Minutes of April 26, 2013:**

- a. Add Valrie Chambers as the seconding person to the minutes
- b. Sarah Baldwin requesting ABE have a 4<sup>th</sup> person – heavy committee load
- c. Larkin moved to approve as amended
- d. Griffith seconded the motion
- e. Unanimous approval

V. **Old Business:** Griffith brought up 2 items from the Academic Affairs Committee:

- a. **Doctoral (PhD.) proposal in Geospatial Computing Science** – his department voted unanimously in favor:
  - i. Discussion
    1. Larkin asked if the new doctoral program would take away from other programs...King response: Not an impact or concern...instructors might move to teach undergraduate courses and TAs will move to the lab instruction; Have identified core faculty and recruiting 2 for engineering (8-9); Miller and Chambers– expressed concern over item 2, but it was a typo. Chambers clarified

by saying it would serve to ducktail into more of an omission of form and not substance and thought. Geospatial faculty agreed

2. Motion to approve
3. FS unanimously passed the motion to approve

**b. Proposed revision of the Student Grade Appeal Procedure:**

- i. Revisions include that each college will have a College Grade Appeal Committee (CGAC)
  1. Discussion
    - a. David Miller elaborated on 3.1.1 procedure
    - b. Provost Markwood: The inclusion in the development of the college procedures ( Best Practice Guidance)
    - c. Spencer, p. 3, para 2: Distance Education Courses: (would we be able to strike the words “distance education” in the second paragraph. Why distance ed. and not core courses? Would that be considered a friendly amendment?
    - d. Larkin: strike “within” and instead “no later than” (p.3, para. 2).
  2. Vote: Both friendly amendments were accepted and changes will be made by FS Secretary Tejeda-Delgado

VI. **New Business:** None introduced

VII. **ADJOURN:** Larkin moved to Adjourn and Chambers seconded (Adjourned at 2:24p.m., CST)