

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting

Friday, November 1, 2013

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Van Den Handel in SH204 at 3:00 pm. There was ITV access at Muskogee, Broken Arrow and Tahlequah.

Council Members in attendance in Tahlequah: Samantha Clifford (Library), John Diamantopoulos (Science & Health Professions), Rachel Green (Education for Cambiano), Christine Hallman (Liberal Arts), Jim Hicks (Science & Health Professions), Spencer Johnson (Optometry)

Council Members in attendance in Broken Arrow : Jeb Briley (Business & Technology), Buster Hall (Broken Arrow) (Plus at least three others, no attendance sheet was received)

Council Members in attendance in Muskogee:

Council Officers in attendance: Cheryl Van Den Handel (President), Linda West (Secretary/Treasurer).

Guests:

Review/Approval of minutes of the October 4, 2013 meeting (http://arapaho.nsuok.edu/~faculty_council/minutesoct2013.html)

Minutes were approved as presented

2. Budget Report

A proposal for using funds will be discussed later in the meeting.

3. Committees/Standing Reports

Circle of Excellence report will be discussed at the December meeting. No other committee reports.

4. Old Business/Pending Issues

A. **Scheduling of Student Activities during "prime" class times (e.g. Career Fair)**

Survey were shared with Faculty Council. There was an even split of faculty who felt there was a problem and faculty who felt there was no problem. There was a 1/3 to 2/3 majority that did not favor adjusting class schedules to set aside time for events and activities. The Council accepted the report and tabled any further action.

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B. Diversity Statement – sent to Policy Committee

Policy committee wanted to consult with RUSO council Charlie Babb to make sure we were not committing the University to extend any benefits. We will revisit this in December. It was noted that the statement was copied from one already in use at UCO.

C. Design & Location of a Faculty Memorial, location of COE bricks

There is a staff visit scheduled for the December 6th meeting to address this issue.

D. Spending budget funds: See New Business

E. Worker's Comp. Ombudsman:

The Board of Regents operates a service called Ethicspoint to file complaints. This could help with grievances. There is no budget line for an Ombudsman. We will talk about this more at the December meeting.

F. Status of Shared Governance Document:

We will explore this next month when VP/Provost Fly can be with us. They are going over changes made to the document and will bring it back to us. Van Den Handel said that her perspective is that governance should be "participation, transparent and dialogue".

G. Professional closet for students: NSGANO new information.

5. New Business

A. NSU Event Center walk-through

Ribbon cutting will be Saturday, November 16th at 5 pm.

B. Spending of Budget Funds

Request for funds for Undergraduate Research Day - \$1,000 was approved by the Council.

C. ITV Training: Need a BA delegate to train for BALA 114

There was a discussion of the newly announced change in support for teaching ITV classes. It was mentioned that students pay a fee for these courses. Numerous problems already exist with teaching ITV classes and equipment. This change may prompt more faculty to teach online. BlackBoard Collaborate classrooms are supposed to replace ITV, but are not functional yet.

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D. **OSRHE 3.16 Discussion**

OSRHE 3.16.5.A.2. The originating institution will appoint qualified faculty as oversight to ensure that the course objectives, curriculum, and academic requirements are equivalent to those for the courses and programs as presented on campus.

<http://academics.nsuok.edu/Portals/7/PDFs/NSU%20Online%20Education%20Proposal%20FINAL%2002-18-13.pdf>:

3. Online/Blended course quality is equivalent to on-campus courses in terms of course objectives,

curriculum, and academic requirements. (OSRHE 3.16.5.A2)

- Department chairs and/or program and/or course coordinators are expected to monitor courses to ensure program quality. Supervisors needing access to particular courses may contact CTL to gain instructor-level access. Concerns about course content and delivery should be addressed immediately.
- Course objectives, module content, learning activities, and assessment means align and facilitate the student's achievement of stated learning objectives.
- Learning activities are varied in order to provide reinforcement and mastery in multiple ways and to accommodate multiple learning styles. Activities may include reading assignments, student presentations, science labs, class discussions, case studies, role playing, simulation exercise, practice quizzes, tests, etc.

There is concern that part of the new certification process for online educators might infringe on Academic Freedom. Is oversight in the classroom equivalent to the oversight being proposed for online teaching? Perhaps the wording could be looked at for best practices. There was also discussion about the current training for online educators. Course 1 was not written for Quality Matters standards, but Course 2 will be. There was a suggestion to distribute the Quality Matters workbook to all interested faculty.

We will continue this discussion in December. We could also have an ongoing discussion on the Faculty Council Blackboard discussion board.

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News:

President's Brown Bag lunches – Did anyone attend? Reports? 10/24/13 – TQ Ballroom Lounge; 10/30/13 – BA; 10/31 – Muskogee

Commencement: Sat. Dec. 14th

9:30 am Ceremony – CBT & CLA / 1:30 pm Ceremony: COE & CSHP

1/09/2014 Opening meeting & Community and Collaboration Day

May 7, 2014, 125th Anniversary of Seminary Hall

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Next meeting December 6, 2013

Submitted by Linda West, Secretary-Treasurer
11/15/13