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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2016

Meeting convened by President Lorie Cook-Benjamin.

1. February 1, 2016, FS minutes were approved as corrected. Two misspellings (Gabel and Yang) (Moved by Senator Sauer, Seconded by Senator Donnelly)
2. Announcements
 - a. Shared Governance – President Cook-Benjamin
 - i. Encouraged to provide feedback through survey on FHSU's Academic Affairs Strategic Plan. Provost Glynn also meeting with departments.
 - ii. Discussion on Surveys. All surveys need to be routed through the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Quality (currently Dr. Crawford). Questions were raised including impact on AAUP and the Docking Institute.
 - b. KBOR – COFSP – President Cook-Benjamin
 - i. FHSU is determining how to implement the KBOR Weapons Policy. More information to come.
 - ii. AP and CLEP Scores (cut scores) are in draft form. Part of SB 388. More information and materials will be provided as they become available.
 - iii. Is there interest in grades F rather than the current U? Discussion included cost issues and effect on international partners.
 - iv. The email migration has occurred and seems to be mostly smooth.
 - v. The Prepare to Succeed federal grant was not funded.
 - vi. Dr. Linn expressed his thanks to all faculty who participated in the Student Recognition Programs.
 - c. Grand Council
 - i. Email distribution lists. There was a question on allowing faculty to email ALL faculty.
 - ii. The *Chronicle of Higher Education* is now in electronic version and available to all faculty through the Forsyth Library.
 - d. Current Committee Assignments and Terms – Information was provided on Faculty Senate terms for department faculty. If department elections are needed, senators were asked to notify Dr. Cook-Benjamin of current and new department members.
3. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs – Senators Burnett and Donnelly
 - i. Course Approval – 7 courses were presented: GSCI 631, GSCI 632, GSCI 633, GSCI 634, Management 616, Marketing 400, and Marketing 610. All were approved.
 - b. Strategic Planning and Improvement – Senator Goodlett
 - i. The Faculty Mentoring Draft Survey was discussed. Any comments can be forwarded to Dr. Goodlett.
 - c. University Affairs – Senator Hamlin
 - i. Librarians and Rank – A motion to support the MOA on librarian rank was brought forward from committee, voted on and passed. A written vote was taken 28 for and 8 against the motion.

- ii. A motion of a letter of support was discussed and suggested for the Office of Scholarship and Sponsored Projects (currently held by Dr. Leslie Page.)
- d. Student Affairs Discussion topics – Senator Walters.
 - i. Student Success Week – A proposed procedure and the current Finals Week policy were discussed.
- e. Partnerships and Technology Discussion topics – Senator Yang
 - i. Senate involvement for virtual and international full-time faculty – information presented that virtual faculty are a part of FS and should receive a copy of the MOA. Concerns or input on FS matters that virtual faculty have should be gathered and presented through their department. Current policies/channels need to connect international faculty to FHSU. Perhaps the MOA needs to clarify definitions of online faculty, international faculty, and on campus faculty.

FS voted to increase FS time by 10 minutes to complete the agenda. Motion carried.

- 4. Unfinished Business - None
- 5. New Business - None
- 6. Adjournment 5:00 PM Next meeting April 4, 2016, in Stouffer Lounge. UPDATE: The May meeting was moved from Tuesday to Monday, May 2, to accommodate the FHSU Faculty and Staff Reception for promotion, tenure, and retirements. The May meeting will be held in Stouffer Lounge.