Approved
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2013

Senators: Steven Bradley, Aparna Palmer, Chad Middleton, Elizabeth Sharp, Cynthia Chovich, Jeanine Howe, Anne Bledsoe (Library), Dan Schultz-Ela, Sarah Swedberg, Carrie McVean Waring (CFAC), Laney Wooster, Genelle Stites, Jack Delmore, Johnny Snyder, Eric Sandstrom, Gayla Jo Slauson (Faculty Trustee)

Guests: Carol Futhey, Steve Werman, Tim Hatten, Rick Taggart, Annie Gingerich, Holly Teal, Michelle Dusterdick (ASG Representative), Jeremy Brown

Minutes Secretary: Coreen Blair

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Steven Bradley, Faculty Senate President, at 3:30 PM in Grand Mesa Hall, Multi-Purpose Room.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: to approve the consent agenda (Chovich/Howe); motion carried.

a. Receive WCCC Curriculum Committee minutes from September 10, 2013 meeting.
b. Receive Undergraduate Curriculum Committee minutes from August 22, 2013 meeting.
c. Receive Graduate Curriculum Committee minutes from September 25, 2013 meeting.
d. Receive Library Committee minutes from September 16, 2013 meeting.

III. FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Motion: to approve minutes from 19 September 2013, as amended (Howe/Schultz-Ela); motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES

No new items.

V. REPORT ON CAMPUS INTERNATIONALIZATION – Rick Taggart presented trends from spring 2013 showing 764,000 international students enrolled in U.S. universities from top six countries of China, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, India, Canada, and Vietnam. Top field of studies include Business Management, Engineering, Math & Computer Science, Social Science, and Physical & Life Sciences. CMU currently enrolls 39 international students on F-1 visas, with goal to increase enrollment to 225 by fall 2017.
Annie Gingerich presented on new role of International Education Office to provide program management, student orientation, and regulatory compliance with federal agencies. CMU has created a partnership with BridgePathways to open an English Language School on campus in which students can gain language skills at six proficiency completion levels. These students receive 24 hours of instruction per week with 10-15 students per class in 12-week session classes, live on campus, and utilize facilities. Additional strategies include foreign university partnerships with (2+2, 1+3) degree completion programs approved through Academic Affairs.

Hatten commented on support needed for recruitment and campus internationalization efforts at CMU. The proposed International Committee is being formed around the existing ISEP faculty committee, with need for additional members and subcommittees to help look at other institutional relationships and bi-lateral agreements, development of international opportunities for faculty, and internationalization of curriculum. It was noted that discussion of student assimilation would be significant to campus internationalization. Further they suggested getting departmental feedback, along with student involvement through ASG committee, on plans of how to “tackle” issues by first of year.

VI. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Teal requested from Academic Policies Committee consideration of policy changes: (1) CLEP credits state that students must have completed 12 semester hours of credit before the exam will be recorded to transcript, causing pre-requisite errors. Teal requested language change to “once the student has been accepted or currently enrolled,” and (2) discussing policy that students who repeat courses are given “last” grade received versus “highest” grade received in calculation of their GPA.

Motion: to charge Academic Policies Committee to consider changes with CLEP credit being recorded “after completion of 12 semester hours of credit” to “once the student has been accepted to the university,” and course repeat from the “last grade received” to “highest grade received” (Howe/Chovich); motion carried.

B. Clarification of December 2012 charge to Distance Learning & Technology Committee – Snyder distributed draft version of motion to charge Academic Policies with creating a lecture capture policy including questions raised with copyright and legal issues. Jeremy Brown added that additional discussions from the Academic Technology Advisory Council (ATAC), centering on lecture capture have included: how long to store content, who can view it, closed captioning through EAS, and survey of percentage of faculty usage. The committee felt that these questions go beyond technology and support and are more related to academic policy. Further recommendations will be made following report from the Distance Learning and Technology Committee.

C. Snyder distributed and explained the change document for the Policy & Procedure Manual, summarizing in tabular format the changes and additions made but not yet accepted, including Faculty Success Committee responsibilities. Updated documents will be made available on the website. A member from Group B is needed for the Faculty Success Committee.
Motion: to accept changes to Faculty Senate Policy & Procedure Manual as reflected on track document and handout (Sandstrom/McVean Waring); motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bradley recommended that FS request departmental feedback on whether and what new criteria should be measured in students’ course evaluations, such as learning outcomes and assessment changes. Collected information with specific recommendations should be submitted directly to Bradley. Any suggested changes should substitute for current evaluation criteria.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Trustees Report – Slauson reported that budgets for both CMU and the CMU Foundation were given. Salary increase of 2.6% was approved for exempt faculty effective July 1, 2014. Additional presentations included plans for fundraising, program review for technology integration, marketing strategies, IT security, and proposed changes in General Education. HLC updates were given and several board members will meet with HLC team.

Motion: to extend the meeting for 10 minutes (Schultz-Ela/Snyder); motion carried.

B. Executive Committee Report – Schultz-Ela reported that because Foster was not present at the meeting, discussion of proposed handbook changes was deferred. Discussion focused on campus internationalization efforts and Faculty Success Committee guidelines. Positive feedback was received for the MavScholar event and many attending students have applied.

C. President’s Report – Bradley reiterated that faculty salary increase is now public information and can be shared departmentally.

D. Academic Affairs – Futhey reminded FS that Mark Taylor will be coming to campus for NeXt Workshop on October 15, and thanked faculty for success of MavScholar preview events. New programs of study brochures have been printed with statistical information including student satisfaction graphs. Richards and Bruch will attend next FS meeting to discuss HLC visit in more detail, a 4-pg self-study guide will be distributed for review, and .pdf self-study and appendices are available at http://www.coloradomesa.edu/self-study.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM (Middleton).

Respectfully submitted,
Coreen Blair
Minutes Secretary