

**Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2015
EH 101**

Senators/Reps in attendance:

Aparna Palmer, Johnny Snyder, Dan Schultz-Ela, Chad Middleton, Lisa Friel, Josh Butler, Jack Delmore, Megan Glynn, TJ Gerlach, Sarah Swedberg, Laney Wooster, Anne Bledsoe

Senators/Reps absent:

Genell Stites, Elizabeth Sharp, Gayla Jo Slauson, James Ayers, Connor Boes

Guests in attendance:

Karen Urban: Health Sciences (Genell Stites proxy); Jeremy Hawkins, Kinesiology (Elizabeth Sharp proxy); Steve Werman: Academic Affairs; Carol Futhey: Academic Affairs; Tim Casey: Faculty Success Committee; Don Carpenter: GCC; Tonya Chapin: UCC; Kimberly Williams, Marketing; Mike Mansheim, Marketing; Carolyn Ferreira-Lillo, WCCC

Minutes Recorder: Melinda J. Scott

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN

Meeting was called to order by President Aparna Palmer at 3:37pm.
Senators were reminded to sign the Roll Call sheet on the clipboard.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. WCCC Curriculum Committee Minutes (11.11.14)
- B. WCCC Curriculum Committee Minutes (12.9.14)
- C. WCCC Curriculum Committee Minutes (1.20.15)
- D. Academic Policies Year-End Report (2013-2014)

**Motion: to accept all items on the Consent Agenda as listed above.
(Swedberg/Glynn); motion carried unanimously.**

III. APPROVE SENATE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (2/5/15)

**Motion: to approve the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2015.
(Butler /Middleton); motion carried unanimously.**

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES TO APPROVE

- A. UCC Minutes (12/11/14)

**Motion: to approve the UCC Minutes of December 11, 2014.
(Schultz-Ela/Swedberg); motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion: The remarkable number (12) of Political Science course additions was noted.

- B. UCC Minutes (1/22/15), including proposed changes to the Curriculum Committee Policy and Procedures Manual

**Motion: to approve the UCC Minutes of January 22, 2015.
(Schultz-Ela /Friel); motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion: The proposed changes to the Curriculum Committee Policy and Procedures Manual are part of the minutes. Additionally, on page 5, regarding the Amended Motion for modification of

CUAR 163: the modification applies to CUAR 145 which should cite that it is a prerequisite for CUAR 163. It was clarified that such modifications do not require a motion, simply a memo.

Motion: to move Item VI: New Business to precede Item V: CMU Marketing on the agenda. (Snyder/Delmore); motion carried unanimously.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. CMU Marketing (Kimberly Williams, Executive Director of Marketing and Mike Mansheim, Director of Marketing and Publications)
Senators watched a Power Point/video presentation highlighting the diverse strategies employed by the department to bring new blood to campus. Current branding catchphrase: “Mavericks Wanted.”

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Faculty-driven workshops/presentations for faculty (Aparna Palmer)
—Palmer solicits ideas from Faculty Senate for workshops to benefit faculty—

Ex: T2T could offer “writing across the curriculum” to help faculty design effective writing assignments, grade writing efficiently, and clearly establish the goal of a writing assignment

Discussion:

- Workshops where faculty shares information
- Use of a “speed dating” format for information sharing
- Satisfy professional development credential requirements
- A book club—ex: author Ken Banks’s books
- Application tips on creating specialized documents (for faculty and students; ex: recital program) possibly resources for students and faculty through Continuing Education?
- Short topic presentations—faculty presenting for faculty (Faculty Colloquium a venue)
- Mass Communications offering services for Student Showcase presentations
- Personal webpage creation

Palmer charges senators to query faculty within their respective departments for areas of interest.

VII. REPORTS, UPDATES & QUERIES

- A. Update from Academic Affairs (Carol Futhey)
1. Essential Learning – any course ideas, please submit to Kurt Haas or Doug O’Roark or online: <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/milestone/interestform.html>
 2. Program sheets incorporating the ESSL/Gen Ed switch needs to wrap up by 4/10/15
 3. Group formed to evaluate software for assessment and ePortfolios
 4. WorkLife Balance Workshop tentative date: Thursday, April 9 plus 2 repeat sessions TBA; 1-1/2 to 2 hours, 30 attendees max
 5. Student Showcase: March 4 application submission deadline
Possible “mock trial” as a kick-off event
- B. Mentoring Practices on Campus—Results from survey done by the Faculty Success Committee (Tim Casey)
[Hand-out: “Departmental Survey Results: Mentoring new faculty and departmental cohesion - Committee for Faculty Success (12/3/2014)”]
Reviewed handout and also discussed Distinguished Faculty Awards

- C. Update on VPAA search (Chad Middleton)
 - 1. Top five candidates submitted to President Foster
 - 2. Formal interviews will begin; spending 1 to 1 1/2 days per candidate on campus
 - 3. The opportunity for faculty to meet with candidates is not yet known
 - 4. Middleton will explore the possibility of reviewing candidate CVs online
- D. Executive Committee Report (Dan Schultz Ela)
Nothing to report
- E. Perceptions of Pre-Tenure Committee from Survey (Johnny Snyder)
[Hand-out: "Pre-tenure committee survey"]
Snyder reviewed the hand-out with the senators. Palmer charged senators to examine the survey and prepare feedback for next Faculty Senate meeting.
- F. Standing Committee Update (Johnny Snyder)
All committees are fully staffed and operational.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting of February 19, 2015 (Middleton).

Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recorder