COLORADO MESA
U N I V E R S I T Y

Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2015
UC 221

Senators/Reps in attendance:

Aparna Palmer, Johnny Snyder, Dan Schultz-Ela, Chad Middleton, Genell Stites, Elizabeth Sharp, Lisa Friel, Josh Butler, Jack Delmore, TJ Gerlach, Sarah Swedberg, Laney Wooster, Gayla Jo Slauson, James Ayers, Anne Bledsoe

Senators/Reps absent:

Megan Glynn, Connor Boes

Guests in attendance:

Jeanine Howe, Theatre Arts (Megan Glynn proxy); Steve Werman: Academic Affairs; 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 3:34pm.
Senators were reminded to sign the Roll Call sheet on the clipboard.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

    A.   Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes (2.26.15)
    B.   Assessment Committee Minutes (5.8.14)
    C.   Assessment Committee Minutes (9.3.14)
    D.   Assessment Committee Minutes (10.3.14)
    E.   Assessment Committee Minutes (10.22.14)
    F.   Assessment Committee Minutes (11.14.14)
Motion: to accept all items on the Consent Agenda as listed above.
(Sharp/Swedberg); motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVE SENATE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (2/19/15)

Motion: to approve the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2015 with proposed changes: Item II.A: Change date of minutes from 11.14.14 to 11.11.14; Item IV.E: Change "cogitate" to "examine," so the sentence reads: "Palmer charged senators to examine the survey and prepare feedback for next Faculty Senate meeting."
(Stites /Delmore); motion carried unanimously.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES TO APPROVE

    A.   WCCC Curriculum Committee Minutes (11.11.14) (READ 11.14.14 on Agenda)
Discussion: Re: Item II.1: The previous curriculum meeting minutes were not approved, just discussed.
Motion: to approve the WCCC Curriculum Committee Minutes of November 11, 2014.
(Middleton/Butler); motion carried unanimously.

B.   WCCC Curriculum Committee Minutes(12.9.14)

Motion: to approve the WCCC Curriculum Committee Minutes of December 9, 2014. (Swedberg /Sharp); motion carried unanimously.

C.   WCCC Curriculum Committee Minutes(1.20.15)

Motion: to approve the WCCC Curriculum Committee Minutes of January 20, 2015. (Ayers /Slauson); motion carried unanimously.

D.   Academic Policies Year-End Report (2013/14)

Discussion: RE: Item II from November 25, 2013 Minutes: Lecture-capture issue was dropped due to complications—i.e. no policy was introduced addressing lecture-capture; the committee opted to defer to Trustees handbook policy on intellectual property.

Motion: to approve the Academic Policies Year-End Report of 2013-2014. (Ayers/Middleton); motion carried unanimously.

V.   CONTINUING BUSINESS

A.   Charges to Pre-Tenure Committee (Johnny Snyder)
    [Hand-out: "Pre-Tenure Charge"]

Discussion: Snyder reviewed the "Pre-Tenure Charge" with the senators. He clarified:

·   The Pre-Tenure Committee is an ad hoc committee serving the Faculty Senate
·   The Tenure and Promotion Committee is a separate entity from the Pre-Tenure Committee and is under Academic Affairs, so Faculty Senate has no authority

The Pre-Tenure Committee has moved toward evaluating within categories, similar to a rubric, but that could change with new leadership. A rubric would maintain consistency.

Motion: to send the Pre-Tenure Committee charge created by Snyder on to the Pre-Tenure Committee.
(Middleton/Slauson); motion carried unanimously.

VI.   REPORTS, UPDATES & QUERIES

A.   Update from Academic Affairs (Steve Werman)
An 18-member Assessment and ePortfolio Working Group is researching and evaluating software for those purposes. The aim is to acquire and launch chosen assessment/ePortfolio software by next year.

B.   Update from CFAC meeting (James Ayers)
[Hand-out: "Colorado Faculty Advisory Council Meeting Report: 20 Feb 2015, Colorado Department of Higher Education in Denver"]

Ayers shared his report with the senators. A major proposal is for the Colorado Department of Higher Education to establish statewide cut scores for credit-by-examination soon. gtPathways courses will likely require reapproval under a proposed new set of measurable competencies. Palmer encouraged senators to pass along the information in this report to colleagues in their respective departments.

C.   Update on VPAA search (Chad Middleton)
1.   Original five candidates selected for interviews is now down to four
2.   Open sessions with faculty will be scheduled Tuesday through Friday of next week

D.   Update from President—Trustee Election & Faculty Event at *The Point* (Aparna Palmer)
1.   Trustee Election
Trustee term ends this year; four nominations have been received and turned over to Snyder

2. Faculty Event at *The Point*
    i. In development stages—a mixer for faculty across campus
    ii. Date to be determined; from 3pm to 5pm? (President Foster favors 5pm to 6pm)
    iii. Perhaps Faculty Success Committee can take over the planning (in their purview)
    iv. Palmer is soliciting ideas from Faculty Senate re: "theme" and ideas for encouraging faculty members to mingle with colleagues outside of their own department

E. Executive Committee Report (Dan Schultz Ela)
    The Executive Committee met Monday, March 2nd. They discussed Pre-Tenure Committee charge. Regarding handbook revision proposal concerning the term of appointment of department heads, President Foster said his appointments are final. As to the proposal for change of the appeals process after presidential review (e.g.: disciplinary action, termination), President Foster explained why the burden of proof should shift from the institution to the individual making the appeal.

Discussion: Shared Governance.

Faculty Senate is charged with soliciting department heads of their respective departments for the three most valuable pieces of feedback the department head could receive from their department faculty. Snyder will finalize wording and email this information to Faculty Senate members.

VII.   ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting of March 5, 2015 (Schultz-Ela).
Meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recorder