

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 9/15/15

Tyrrell calls senate meeting to order 5:35pm.

1. Approval of minutes from Sept 1st:

Motion to approve John Bulevich, seconded, and approved by unanimous consent.

2. Election of at-large Exec Committee Members:

Tyrrell reads charge for the at-large members. Asks for nominations from the floor.

Aakash Taeja self-nominates, Jason Shulman self-nominates, Donnetrice Allison self-nominates.

No further nominations thus closed.

Motion for secret ballot by Arleen Gonzalez, seconded, approved by unanimous consent.

Motion that plurality determine election winners by Susan Fahey, seconded, approved by unanimous consent.

Fahey, Richard, & Jackson tally votes. Results: Jason Shulman and Donnie Allison elected at-large Executive Committee members.

3. Election of Vice-Chairs for Standing Committees:

Tyrrell reads charge for the vice-chairs.

a. Opens nominations for Academic Policies committee. Ron Tinsley nominated. No further nominations thus closed. Tinsley elected by acclamation.

b. Opens nominations for Academic Programs and Planning committee. Lisa Cox nominated. No further nominations thus closed. Cox elected by acclamation.

c. Open nations for Administration and Finance committee. Susan Fahey self-nominated. No further nominations thus closed. Fahey elected by acclamation.

d. Open nominations for General Studies committee. John Bulevich self-nominated. No further nominations thus closed. Bulevich elected by acclamation.

e. Open nations for Information technology & Media Services committee. Joe Trout self-nominates. No further nominations thus closed. Trout elected by acclamation.

f. Open nominations for Library committee. Tom Nolan self-nominates. No further nominations thus closed. Nolan elected by acclamation.

g. Open nominations for Student Affairs committee. Arleen Gonzalez nominated. No further nominations thus closed. Gonzalez elected by acclamation.

h. Open nominations for Research & Professional Development committee. Duo (Helen) Wei self-nominates. No further nominations thus closed. Helen Wei elected by acclamation.

4. Victimology & Victim Services Minor Proposal:

Janice Joseph presented overview of minor proposal. Interdisciplinary program. Gave brief historical background and current schools offering similar programs. Presentation covered:

- a. Needs Assessment
- b. Learning Outcomes
- c. Resources
- d. Cost

- e. Outline of Minor
- f. Assessment

Tyrrell opens floor to discussion. Janice Joseph answers questions and states will look into suggestions.

Burdick motion for a vote, seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

5. Commencement Keynote Speaker Selection Process: Pres. Kesselman asked for commencement key note speaker process. Likely attract a stronger candidate and broad selection pool if it came from the faculty. Should look at the process perhaps through committee and also that committee can offer suggestions for this coming graduation ceremony, possibly by end of October. Perhaps send issue to Academic Policies committee.
6. December Graduation: Clarifies December 2015 graduation will happen but decision will affect December 2016. Administration finds graduations costly and time consuming especially on weekends. Additionally, manner of rushing grades for faculty problematic; risk deadlines driving pedagogy. Moving to one spring graduation and possibly have it over multiple days or find larger venue to hold one could solve issues outlined above. Students will still receive a diploma at end of Fall semester but not have a ceremony until end of Spring. Stockton is only higher education institution in New Jersey to still hold a December graduation ceremony. Open to discussion.
7. Senate Executive Committee to investigate legality and their recommendation on the Motion (Faculty Assembly to endorse recommendation to Board of Trustees to offer acting president Harvey Kesselman a 5 year contract effective this year.) made at Fall Faculty Conference:
 - a. Tyrrell present preliminary findings: EEOC not apply with respect to search since there is no search. EEOC guidelines about institution providing opportunity for promotion; Stockton doing well in this regard. Board of Trustees by-laws do not mention hiring of president. They do state the duties and power of Board of Trustees are by state statute. State statute has one line with broad latitude, Board of Trustees prerogative to hire president. Elaine Ingulli was consulted and saw nothing legally to prevent Board of Trustees to not conduct a national search and just appoint a president. State Colleges Council saw nothing legal to prevent Board of Trustees from appointing president. NJ Association for State Colleges & Universities guideline for Board of Trustees strongly recommends holding a search.
 - b. Senate Executive suggests holding a meeting of the Faculty Assembly on Sept 29th to discuss the original motion. Clarification of Saatkamp's and Kesselman's status as President, acting v. interim. Motion to call for assembly meeting on September 29, 2015. Discussion. Arleen Gonzalez move to call for vote on meeting, 2nd. Approved by unanimous consent.

No new business or reports from guests.

Rodger Jackson moved to adjourn, 2nd. Approved by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned 6:30pm.