

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: March 26, 2009

PRESENT: Jeff Sanders
Sandie Rietz
Craig McKenzie
Kurt Toenjes
Diane Duin (ex-officio)
Karen Heikel (ex-officio)

Rakesh Sah
Lorrie Steerey (via phone)
Keith Edgerton
Steve Coffman
Gary Young (ex-officio)
D'Ann Campbell (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Bruce Brumley*
Mark Hardt*
Rob Barnosky (student)
Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)
John Cech (ex-officio)
Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)

Kay Streeter*
Kayla Miller (student)
Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)*
Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)
Sue Balter-Reitz (ex-officio)

* *excused*

GUESTS: Vern Gagnon
Amy Bruce
Cindy Rossmith

Susan Stewart
Buck Dannar

PRESIDING: Sandie Rietz, Vice Chair

Sandie Rietz called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The minutes of February 26 and March 12 (electronic vote) were accepted as presented.

I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item 49 Certificate of AS in Automobile Refinishing Technology. Modification of an existing program.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Craig McKenzie to **accept Item 49 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 51 BIOL 213 Anatomy and Physiology I. Change title to Human Anatomy and Physiology I and change course description.

Item 51.a BIOL 214 Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory. Change title to Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory.

Item 51.b BIOL 216 Anatomy and Physiology II. Change title to Human Anatomy and Physiology II and change course description.

Item 51.c BIOL 217 Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory. Change title to Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory.

⇒ Motion by Craig McKenzie, seconded by Keith Edgerton to **accept Items 51, 51.a, 51.b, and 51.c for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 38.f RAD 182 Clinical Radiology III. Change credits from 7 to 8.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Rakesh Sah to **accept Item 38.f for information.**

It was noted that this paperwork was temporarily lost and goes with the earlier package from Radiologic Technology, which included a staffing plan.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 43 AAS in Welding and Metal Fabrication Technology. New program.

Item 43.a METL 211 Pipe Welding and Layout. New course.

Item 43.b METL 212 Pipe Welding Lab I. New course.

Item 43.c METL 213 Gas Tungsten Arc Welding. New course.

Item 43.d METL 214 Advanced Weld Technology and Theory II. New course.

Item 43.e METL 251 Specialty Welding Processes. New course.

Item 43.f METL 252 CNC Processes for Metal Fabrication. New course.

Item 43.g METL 253 Weld Testing and Certification. New course.

Item 43.h METL 254 Weld Testing and Certification Lab. New course.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Craig McKenzie to **accept Items 43, 43.a, 43.b, 43.c, 43.d, 43.e, 43.f, 43.g, and 43.h for information.**

It was noted that this program was proposed in the correct manner, so it will go to the Board of Regents *after* the Senate reviews it. This is a completely new program with a staffing plan and budget included in the proposal.

Vern Gagnon, Chairperson for the Welding/Metal Fabrication area, noted that the first year and a half will be funded through a grant. This proposal adds an additional 30 credits to the existing certificate program, to create an Associate of Applied Science degree. There will also be another proposal for a separate certificate comprised of the second year of the AAS program, which will have entry requirements.

The question was raised as to what happens if, in three years, this program is not meeting the predicted enrollments? Will the Senate review it in two years for a status report? It was cited that all COT programs go through an annual review process.

It was stated that most companies who hire welders today require some kind of training or degree. This is a nation-wide trend which looks to greatly increase the enrollments in welding degree programs. There are currently 25 students enrolled in the present Welding and Metal Fabrication Certificate. At least 10 of those students, and perhaps more, will go into the new AAS program once it is implemented.

Susan Stewart, Director of Operations and Finances for the COT, stated that they have talked about funding this program after the grant runs out with funds from the HVAC program which is being closed. Those HVAC funds are not available until the program is taught out in one or two years. It was suggested that the Senate receive this guarantee of future funding for the Welding program in writing. It was cited that the HVAC funds cannot be specifically allocated to the new Welding AAS since that situation is still two years away. In addition, all programs are “in competition” with each other to receive reallocations during every budget cutting year, so no funds can be promised to a given program. A written guarantee would be nothing more than intentions.

- ❖ It was noted at the April 16, 2009, Academic Senate meeting that the funding for the new Welding program will not be coming from the closing of the HVAC program.

It was noted that the demand for the Welding AAS will likely soon exceed the space in the program. Buck Dannar, Welding Instructor, stated that they have discussed some strategies for increased demand, but nothing is solid yet.

It was cited that this program includes several new requests for course fees. It is highly unlikely that the Board of Regents will be approving any new course fees. D’Ann Campbell, Provost, noted that we may be moving to program fees rather than course fees, because we can show program fees are cheaper. It was stated that if the new fees are not approved, grant money or money from other sources within the University will have to be used to pay for course materials. It was further noted that having students supply their own materials for welding is fairly impractical. Mr. Dannar also noted that some community members who employ COT welding graduates donate materials to the program as well, but it’s not enough.

It was suggested that the Senate has been in this situation before: “Build it and they will come.” However, what if the students do not come? How long do we sustain a new program which is not meeting enrollment expectations? We need to be asking this about all programs.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 54 PSL 120 Create Your Best Career. New course.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Craig McKenzie to **accept Item 54 for information.**

It was noted that there are no faculty associated with this course; the instructor listed on the form is an administrator. Should CPSLL be allowed to offer courses in their college with no faculty?

Karen Heikel, Dean of the College of Professional Studies and Lifelong Learning, stated that this course has been in the works for some time. It is targeted to adult learners who may be preparing for a job change or who are considering returning to college and need a starting point. This is a for-credit course which will be taught in the evenings downtown. Students can count it as an elective toward a degree.

It was suggested that instead of starting a new rubric for CPSLL, this course could be under the A&SC rubric. It was cited that the FTE for an A&SC course would go to the College of Arts & Sciences, and this new proposal is part of CPSLL’s effort to become self-supporting. It was noted that the Senate fully backs CPSLL’s efforts to be self-supporting; we must simply find a way to do it. It was suggested that the CPSLL form a curriculum committee of faculty from each of the other colleges to review curriculum such as this new course. Faculty (either from the curriculum committee or outside it) should also “sponsor” curriculum, even if they do not teach the courses. Lorrie Steerey stated that she would volunteer to be the sponsor for PSL 120. Sandie Rietz (COE), Jeff Sanders (CAS), and Rakesh Sah (COB) volunteered to be on the CPSLL curriculum committee.

⇒ Motion carried.

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Breakfast with the Chancellor

Next breakfast is Wednesday, April 1.

B. BOR Meeting: March 18-20

Dr. Steerey reported that the Governor will not give the University System the full \$18 million to fund a tuition freeze. Rather, he will only allocate \$10 million and we are simply to do more with less.

C. AFC Report

The AFC met March 16 and 25 and will begin designing reports for the outcomes data.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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