

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: June 18, 2009

PRESENT: Mark Hardt
Rakesh Sah
Keith Edgerton
Steve Coffman
Doug Brown
Lorrie Steerey
Dan Yazak

PRESIDING: Lorrie Steerey, Chair

Lorrie Steerey called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m. in McMullen 305.

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Budget Concerns

It was noted that the Senate Budget Committee needs to see revenue and expenditures by College, and perhaps by department as well. It was cited that the Committee also needs to see the designated funds in order to have a more complete picture of the budget. If possible, they should even see what funds are in the Foundation.

It was noted that this year the Budget Committee will have to seriously consider cutting low enrollment programs. A good plan will also involve making permanent cuts rather than temporary so the temporary cuts don't get added back into the next year's budget.

It was stated that this summer, there has been a lot of confusion over which courses run and which don't. The cut-off was supposed to be 12 students, but some courses ran with just 4. Why does the rule not apply in certain situations?

It was cited that the Budget Committee also needs numbers on part-time faculty who are teaching overloads and regular faculty who teach independent studies, overloads, and the like—all for free! The question was also raised as to how these recruiting trips to China are being paid for. There are also the issues of the Red Lodge office, Garfield School, and the downtown offices.

B. Spring 2011 Calendar

⇒ Motion by Dan Yazak, seconded by Steve Coffman to **approve the 2010-2011 calendar.**

It was noted that in Spring 2011, Spring Mini Break falls very late in the semester, April 21-24, and the semester ends April 28. There is not room for both a day off for Convocations and University Day. Student Affairs would like drop one day off.

It was noted that the Spring semester seems to start very early (January 12) and therefore Commencement is very early as well (April 30).

⇒ Motion by Doug Brown, seconded by Mark Hardt to **table the calendar.**

The Senate will ask the Chancellor if the semester can be started a week later.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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