

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Workman 101 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order and approval of minutes

President Dave Raymond called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm with a call for approval of the November 4, 2014 minutes.

Dr. Brian Borchers moved to approve the minutes, Dr. Fred Phillips seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

2. Approval of minutes for May 6, 2014

President Dave Raymond called for approval of the May 6, 2014 minutes. Somehow these minutes were not approved.

Dr. Bill Stone moved to approve the minutes, Dr. Fred Philips seconded.

3. Short Announcements

1. Iver Davidson

1. New staff member

Dr. Iver Davidson announced that beginning next semester iClickers will be sold in the bookstore. They will be sold as used for \$5.00 each. Once the old ones are sold out, then the bookstore will take over the new iClickers. ACT will still support the use of iClickers in the classrooms. Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming was informed to address the students of this change. The decision was made with the student's welfare in mind. The iClickers started out as a test project using grant money and was never intended to be a long term plan. Students do have the possibility to download the app for the iClickers if the faculty would like them to use it.

2. Canvas/Moodle

Dr. Iver Davidson announced that ACT is taking requests for Canvas shells. There is a form online that allows you to put what courses you want created in Canvas for the next semester. There is also a form for Moodle that will create those courses. Spring will be the last semester for Moodle.

Dr. Iver Davidson introduced Richard Helbock as the Instructional Technology Specialist for ACT. He comes from Western New Mexico University and he will be the administrator for Canvas.

3. HLC Convention

Dr. Sally Pias announced that she, Dr. Mary Dezember, Dr. Hamdy Soliman, and

The committee addressed issues that they have helped out with including an issue involving student travel. There was a policy that blindsided them and were able to get it changed. There were various problems that evolved from the audit. The business office did not consult with the faculty in terms of how new procedures would affect faculty. The committee worked with the business office to assist faculty. If approved, it will be a “super committee” like many other committees that are working with faculty and administrators.

Dr. Snezna Rogelj made a motion to establish this committee. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Report of Council of Chairs

1. EARTH-200 changes

2. November Report

Dr. Warren Ostergren encouraged the senate to look at the minutes from the Council of Chairs meeting.

a. Engineering Science/Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Engler presented the curriculum changes approved by the engineering chairs. Remove ES 111 as a pre-requisite for ES 302, 303 and 347. All of these engineering courses meet all of the engineering student’s requirements but not all engineering students require ES 111 or MATLAB for that purpose.

placement is engineering electives will be six hours of engineering courses numbered 200 and above. Courses from Electrical Engineering may not be used to satisfy this requirement. The second change is to add an extra credit to the Electrical Engineering electives. It used to be a seven credit hours and it will now be eight credit hours. With that change, there are no credits left for free electives so the statement will be removed from the catalog.

Dr. Kevin Wedeward made a motion to accept these changes. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Mineral Engineering

Dr. Tom Engler presented the Mineral Engineering changes. EARTH 200 was approved from a three credit to a four credit course. Therefore there is an additional credit hour that is being asked for the Mineral Engineering program.

Dr. Tom Engler made a motion to accept these changes. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Report of Graduate Council

1. Minutes

This was postponed until the February meeting.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

1. Updating standing rules (Steve Simpson)

Dr. Steve Simpson reported that the standing rules have not been keeping up with the changes that have been approved. He and Dr. Brian Borchers have tracked down all the changes over the years and put them in the current form. Dr. Steve Simpson noted that the Senate will not be voting on this today, but that he would like everyone to have some time to review and make sure everything is accurate.

Dr. Steve Simpson went over the types of things that they have been attending to. Roughly 95% are not changes but are things that have been approved but were not updated. There were three standing committees that were listed but not actually in the standing rules. These three were the Benefits Committee, Faculty Development Committee, and the Regents-Faculty Conference Committee. They need a description for the Benefits Committee. There were several different descriptions of committees but they were able to locate the correct version of what was approved by the Faculty Senate and updated the information. They will now add the Education and Research Efficiency Faculty Senate Committee. There were some discrepancies with Ex-Officio members that they corrected. The standing rules did not account for the split between the Assessment Committee, Retention Committee, and the Student Learning Committee. There were some changes that had to be made due to changes in offices. TCC and ISD formed ITC and some responsibilities were distributed to ACT.

Two new things were added that should be reviewed. The Associate Dean for Student Success and the Community Education Director were added to the list of members. Also, under meetings, a quorum for a regular or special meeting of the Faculty Senate was modified to be 25% of the membership excluding Emeritus, adjuncts, and faculty on leave. (Adjuncts were added to this list.)

Let us know if we need to make any others changes if there is anything that still seems inconsistent. There will also be a copy with marked changes available.

9. Discussion

1. Accreditation and retention (Mary Dezember)

2. Accreditation, assessment, and the Integrated Planning Workspace (Mary Dezember)

This was postponed until the February meeting.

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52.