

Short Announcements

1. Introduction of new faculty and staff

Lisa Majowski introduced Rebecca Clemens as the new Activity Director/Learning Specialist for SES Title V Grant.

Dr. Andrei Zagrai introduced Dr. Arash Mousavi as an Assistant Professor in the Mechanical department.

Dr. Mark Samuels introduced Dr. Stewart Thompson as an Assistant Professor in the Psychology department.

Sara Grijalva introduced Evelyn Konigsberg as the new Banner Technologist for the Registrar.

Dr. Corey Leclerc introduced Dr. Paul Calvert as a Visiting Professor in the Chemical Engineering department.

2. Property issues – Steven Hicks

Steven Hicks reported that there have been some recent changes in property. One major change is the items from a department that are sold at auction, now have the net auction proceeds going back to the source of funds. It will be 100% of the net auction proceeds. Dr. Gary Axen asked what if a department has a buyer that will

equipment that is off campus. When you are recycling computers, the property office will legally wipe the hard drives. A certificate of destruction is issued through a third party.

3. iClicker meeting – Richard Sonnenfeld

Dr. Richard Sonnenfeld announced that the used iClickers that were sold at the bookstore and are now sold out. He would like everyone to agree on what type of iClickers that should be used in the classroom. Contact Dr. Richard Sonnenfeld if you have any input regarding what to do this fall.

Dr. Wesley Cook proposed that Dr. Iver Davidson (ACT) also be added to the committee to be included on any type of technology assessments employed through the new evaluations. Dr. Fred Phillips seconded the motion passed unanimously.

George Becker asked if the committee is just looking at the content of the evaluation or at the process. Surely, other schools have automated systems where a student can log on and evaluate. Dr. Wesley Cook stated that our Distance Education does have a form that is sent out via email where they are asked to respond to it. Dr. Iver Davidson stated that most schools use some electronic form. The problem is trouble that the level of feedback

The committee worked on overhead funds and the breakdown of sources of revenue and expenditures. Looking at the endowment accounts is ongoing. The committee just met with Lonnie Marque and he believes things will be straightened out within a month or two. Research infrastructure and support is the highest priority. The committee is looking at ways to improve the support infrastructure for finding grant opportunities, proposal preparation and submission, and overall support for research through appropriate staffing of personnel and research equipment.

Contact the committee with any questions.

4. Report of Council of Chairs – Warren Ostergren
Dr. Warren Ostergren reported that there were no action items. There were several items were discussed, including a report from the Dean on future faculty. There was also information provided regarding the Fire Marshal's upcoming visit.

5. Report of Graduate Council – Lorie Liebrock

1. November 2014

Dr. Penny Boston reported on the changes for Environmental Science. We are trying to accommodate changes in our faculty makeup, by removing classes that are no longer of interest and consolidate classes that are.

Council of Chairs approved the undergraduate change at the October meeting.

ERTH445, Petroleum Exploration Geophysics, 3 cr, 2 cl hrs, 3 lab hrs

Prerequisites:

PHYS 121 or equivalent

This also applies to the Graduate course as well. Graduate Council approved the change at the November meeting.

Dr. Ken Minschwaner noted that diffraction in waves is covered mostly in PHYS 122. It may be appropriate to add PHYS 121 and 122. Geophysics will discuss it. Dr. Penny Boston moved to accept these changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lorie Liebrock moved to accept the correction in description of MENG 585. The change is to clarify that part-time on-campus along with the distance graduate students are required to take two semesters of MENG 585. Motion passed unanimously.

2. December 2014

Dr. Lorie Liebrock thanked the departments and students who participated with the Graduate Education Day with the Legislature. Posters, pictures, and bios of the students are online. This will be an annual event with the legislator raising awareness of the need for graduate education in the State.

6. Old Business

1. Updating Senate rules – Steve Simpson

Dr. Steve Simpson explained that while going back over the Faculty Senate Standing rules, over the past several years of the changes we have been approving were not added to the standing rules. Dr. Steve Simpson provide copy of the word document with the markup. The Assessment Retention Committee and Student Learning Committee were added. EREC was approved at the last Faculty Senate meeting has been added. Most of this was things that were already voted on but not added to the standing rules. There were two changes that were mentioned at the last meeting. The Associate Dean for Student Success and the Community Education Director were added to the membership of the Faculty Senate. Also, adjuncts are listed in the standing rules as voting members of the Faculty Senate.

The Student Research Symposium report was submitted. There were no findings in it. Although it is not a requirement anymore, we do need to sustain it. It will be held on April 16th where Dr. Frank Etscorn will be the keynote speaker.

What used to be the self-study is now an electronic 35,000 word Assurance Argument, a report submitted electronically with linked evidence files. The final draft should be available on the NMT website for NMT community from January 28 to February 11, 2015. It will be submitted to HLC no later than February 23, 2015. The Evaluation Team visit will be here on March 23 and 24, 2015. The customary meetings will be with the President and the division directors and the V Presidents. Regarding the assurance process, they want to know that all faculty were involved. We won't receive notice regarding the meetings until about ten days prior to the site visit. We expect a report from them sometime after their visit where we may be contacted for some follow up issues.

9. Adjournment.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.