

Academic Assembly
February 22, 2010

MINUTES

Present: John Strait, Flora Wilson Bridges, Randy Horton, Karen Feldt, David Arnesen, Chips Chipalkatti, Valerie Lesniak, Sonora Jha, Jason Wirth, Tracey Pepper, Katherine Raichle, Paul Fontana, David Neel, Jan Hartley, McKenzie Weber, Jennifer Sorensen, Nina Valerio, Isiaah Crawford, Chuck Lawrence, Jacquelyn Miller.

Guests: Carol Schneider, Director of Student Academic Services

Minutes taken by Kristen Heinemeyer

- New Curriculum Proposal, Career Courses
- Copyright Ownership Policy
- Advising Process

I. Welcome

II. Review of Minutes

Action Item: Present Assembly members unanimously approved minutes from February 8th 2010.

III. New Curriculum Proposal: Career Courses

- A. Assembly discussed topics such as: a philosophical concern (what role to these courses have at the university? something that's not traditionally academic, resources, credits?), does this information/training need to be for credit, how many students would take advantage of these courses, what are we currently doing for career assistance, could we compromise on the schedule and amount of credits?

Action Item: Assembly will invite Daniel Pascoe Aguilar, Executive Director of Career Services, to next meeting to aide in this discussion.

IV. Copyright Ownership Policy, Jacquelyn Miller and Isiaah Crawford

- A. SU didn't have a policy heretofore on the work that students/faculty/staff produce. This is an effort to establish a policy that won't require an individualized effort for each circumstance. Looking for feedback on this draft and possibly agreement to use as interim policy.

Action Item: Present Assembly members unanimously approved the use of this policy as interim policy, through the vetting process, minimal revisions, and review for approval by the Board of Trustees in May.

V. Advising Process

- A. Carol Schneider joined Academic Assembly to discuss the advising process and looking forward at the future of SU's advising system.

- B. Provided handout: "Undergraduate Advising System Development 2009-2010"
- C. There are scheduled discussions of the faculty role in advising, three sessions throughout the next couple of weeks.
- D. Discussed: faculty roles that vary college to college, how to accommodate professional advisors, students who switch between schools/colleges, impact needs to be cohesive and flexible, how large of a professional advising staff?, consistency with quality of advising, relation to current system, what about faculty who enjoy advising?, group advising, one-on-one advising, training sessions for advisors.

VI. Updates, Announcements, Etc

- A. Nalini Iyer would like to step down as the Academic Assembly Representative on the Bookstore Operations Committee. This committee will need a replacement.

Action Item: Please take this back to your schools/colleges for nominations to be presented and voted on at next meeting.

- B. Discussion of appointing a Vice President for Academic Assembly. The Faculty Handbook stipulates that the chair of the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee is the Vice President of Academic Assembly.

Action item: Assembly nominated and present members unanimously approved David Neel to serve as the Academic Assembly Vice President for the remainder of this Academic Year.

- C. Accreditation visit by NWCCU was postponed until Fall 2010. President Sundborg sent out an SU-wide e-mail this morning regarding this postponement.
- D. Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee Update
 - BOT met on Thursday February 18th
 - Specialization on Midwifery was approved, College of Nursing.
 - Currently petitioning the Board with FY11 budget, more information to come later in the week.
 - Fall 2010 Enrollment, feel positive about achieving goals. First-year freshman: 825; Transfer: 490.

Action Item: Assembly voted and approved to go into executive session for the remainder of the meeting.

Next meeting: March 1st, 2010. STCN 210, 1:30-3:30