

^MVCC Senate Faculty Caucus
Tuesday, March 29, 2016 Minutes Minutes
2:00pm :: PH 300

Senators Present: C. Miller (chair), J. Baumann, C. Bolton, J. Brown, L. Charnonneau, A. Doughtie, A. Haines-Stephan, G. Melendez, A. Radlowski, D. Kelly, J. Roberts

Presenters: T. Squires, M Snyder, M. Eannace, R. VanWagoner

Opening Minutes

The meeting was called to order, and the minutes of the Feb. 23rd meeting were approved.

Chair remarks

Christine Miller Introduced Ms. Nhe Thi Su, our visiting professor from Kien Giang Community College.

Academic Redesign

Vice President Eannace shared the draft of the academic redesign about which she and President VanWagoner have been presenting at open forums at the college. She stressed the driving components of this redesign: budgetary concerns, the desire to be more efficient, and the need to be responsive to the community. Several questions were raised and responded to; including:

- Why are there more disciplines in some departments than others?
Department grouping is based on related disciplines with an eye on balancing the number of faculty as well as the workloads for the department heads.
- What titles will be used for these new organizational groups and positions?
Names are being explored and any ideas or contributions are welcome.
- Where will developmental courses reside?
All developmental courses will be housed with their credit-bearing counterparts.
- What will happen to center support staff?
All the support staff will be integrated into the departmental system.

Budget Update

President VanWagoner reported that the budget process was moving forward. The state legislature is expected to pass the budget soon, at which point we will know what the increase in FTE aid from the state will be. The college is also considering an increase in tuition. They have modelled increases for full time students of \$100, \$120, and \$150. For more information, faculty and staff can see the March 28th email from the president.

Wayfinding and Signage

The capital project for wayfinding and signage is moving forward through the budget process in Albany. The changes will begin with exterior signs and campus maps, and then progress to interior signs and directories. The tentative schedule is that all signage will be completed by January 2018. More information, including images of the proposed signage, can be found in the libraries, as well as each center office

Applied Learning

Faculty were asked to respond to L. Kahler and J. Maio with any comments on the applied learning report they distributed via email by April 5, 2016.

Open Forum

A concern was raised regarding the caucus' charge of discussing academic trends and issues stemming from the classroom. Some faculty felt the body lacked the time to take up these issues due to other information being presented at caucus. Christine will explore ways to better balance agenda items brought to the caucus.

Since the administrative position of the redesign will likely be assigned over the summer, there was some concern regarding how faculty would be involved in the decision process, and whether there would be opportunity for faculty input.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Haines-Stephan