

District Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2012

The minute was called to order at 2:10 PM. The first item of business was the approval of the January, February, March (2), and August 2012 minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, it was seconded, voted upon, and the motion passed. The minutes were approved. Dr. Wilcox announced that District Senate meeting minutes will be taken by each campus secretary, who will then forward his/her draft to Dr. Wilkins, Lee Campus Secretary, for compilation.

The second item of business was the shared governance model, which was created as a result of meetings between the Executive Committee and President Allbritten. The most notable change in the new model is that the VPAA has lost the privilege of appointing chairs of academic committees. The committees themselves now will vote upon chair. The proposal has been sent to the administration, and will be tested this Fall. A motion to give Faculty Senate approval to the change was tabled.

The next item of business was the formation of faculty committees and discussion groups. The discussion group will serve as a pool of interested faculty members who can contribute perspective to the members of the committee, and perhaps eventually serve on the actual committee. Dr. Wilcox requests that interested faculty contact their campus senate presidents to sign up for participation. There was a concern expressed that the message of the faculty might get changed or not make it up the chain of communication, if the message must be passed along through multiple groups first, before making it to the highest levels of the administration. It was suggested that there should perhaps be transparent procedures, protocol, and time limits, which would assist in making sure the message moves up the chain of communication quickly and accurately. Prof. Weir recommended that the website be made a more useful tool for sharing information and ideas.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded, voted upon, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.