

Academic Senate
09/12/2023
Cowan Hall # 310
Meeting Minutes

Membership: Valerie Guyant, Trygve Magelssen, Mark Seiffert, Laura Gomez, Kasthuri Udayakumar, Joyce Mphande-Finn, Gary Succaw, Casey Donovan, Anna Bowker, Aaron Riffin

Members Present: Valerie Guyant, Casey Donovan, Laura Gomez, Anna Bowker, Kasthuri Udayakumar, Joyce Mphande-Finn, Gary Succaw

Guests: Jennifer Brown, Beth Durodoye

Recorder: Brittany Garden via recording

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Valerie Guyant at 4:03 pm

Minutes:

- Minutes from 04/11/2023
- Motion was made by Casey Donovan to approve the minutes
- The second was made by Laura Gomez
- Question
- Approved

Agenda:

- Motion was made by Casey Donovan to approve the agenda
- The second was made by Laura Gomez
- Question
- Approved

Chancellor/Provost Updates:

- Lindsey Bennett and Carol Reifschneider sent out reminder emails regarding the September 30 deadline for Program Assessment. Provost Brown has requested Academic Senate faculty encourage their college faculty to submit by the deadline.
- There will be a review of our mission statement later in the semester, a survey will be sent out.
- BOR meeting next week: Week of September 18
- In November, we will be looking at program reviews.
- The Academic Planning Committee will be the body that looks at our academic programming and analyzing the data from Northern. The committee will be looking at the faculty expertise on campus and evaluating that expertise in comparison to the programs and courses we offer.
 - The committee will be divided into three subcommittees.

- Provost Brown inquired regarding Academic Senate nominating five faculty members, representing all colleges, with at least one but not more than two representatives from each college.

External Committee Reports:

- **NWCCU**
 - NWCCU will be visiting campus October 4-6.
 - There will be a faculty forum tentatively on Wednesday, October 4th at 4pm.
 - The meeting with Academic Senate will be tentatively on Thursday, October 5th at 3pm.
- **SAT**
 - There are no updates at this time.
- **UAC**
 - There are no updates at this time.

Senate Committee Reports:

- **Admissions and Standards**
 - Has been meeting regularly. There are no more updates at this time.
- **Curriculum**
 - Will meet later this month.
- **Financial Aid**
 - Has been meeting regularly. Requests have been both approved and denied.
- **General Education**
 - Will be meeting tomorrow, September 13, 2023.
- **Graduate Council**
 - Will be meeting in October.
 - COHS has not sent in a representative.
- **Instruction, Research & Faculty Development & Cultural Programming**
 - Has not met yet. Valerie will help them setup their first meeting.
- **Library & Instructional Technology**
 - There are no updates at this time.

Proposals:

- There were no proposals to review at this time.

Old Business:

- There was no old business brought forward.
- There are two proposals that are currently outstanding and need follow-ups.
 - Request from Chad Spangler for a Nutrition course to be a Gen Ed. It was sent back to Chad to amend.
 - Request from Jay Howland for a BMIS course to be both a CAT VII and CAT II Gen Ed. It was sent back to Jay to amend into two separate proposals.
 - Casey Donovan will reach out to Chad Spangler and Jay Howland to follow up.

New Business:

- While there is no Academic Senate Secretary, all proposals will be sent to Valerie Guyant.
- The Curriculum Committee has been asked to review programs in comparison to BOR policy.

Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Casey Donovan
- The second was made by Gary Succaw
- Question
- Approved

Respectfully Submitted by,
Brittany Garden