Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016 (Convened at 8:30am) in DLC 03


A. ACTION ITEMS
   a. COS submitted a compressed calendar to the Chancellor’s Office. Approval of the compressed calendar was temporarily denied because it requires:
      i. An official resolution drafted and approved by the Academic Senate
      ii. Letter from the faculty association indicating their support. Mike Tischler is handling this aspect of the process.
      iii. And the calendar must contain 16 weeks of instruction (the compressed calendar submitted only had 15 weeks of instruction). The compressed calendar has already been revised to reflect 16 weeks of instruction with the input of both faculty and administration
      iv. Mike Graves motioned for discussion to approve the Academic Senate resolution pertaining to the compressed calendar; Jayne Turk seconded
      v. Mike Graves called the question/motion passed

   b. Prioritization of Faculty Hiring
      i. Chris Vancil circulated an email asking for faculty input on hiring based on program review requests. Chris hopes that this will allow for a collective voice to the Instructional Council on what positions the faculty think are most critical
      ii. Dave Clarke and Bill Hirt thought that each department should plead their case to the Instructional Council if they want another faculty member hired
         1. Maria Fernandez did not like this idea since it would pit departments against each other and she thought faculty should have a united front.
      iii. Chris indicated that he doesn’t know how many faculty members will be hired in the next year. He has been told that the administration plans to hire a new music teacher.
      iv. Bill Hirt thought we should only prioritize the top three faculty positions that are needed
      v. Mike Tischler suggested we should have a discussion in Academic Senate and then people should vote on what positions should be hired
vi. Sean Kenney thought we should focus on faculty positions that generate FTEs
vii. Chris Vancil will compile the rankings reported by faculty members and will send the results out after Thanksgiving

*Adjournment* at 9:00am