

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES DRAFT
Friday, March 18, 2016
2:00 p.m.
DLC 03 and RHSI 119

A. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes were read and approved by consent

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. 12016-17 committee memberships and chairs

- a. Suggested 3 year minimum term for membership; two years for chair. Committees should elect the chairs. (Approved)

2. Elections: Deadline for Senate nominations is 5:00pm, Tuesday, April 19th

- a. Elections will take place May 3 & 4, closing at 5 pm on May 4th
- b. Election committee members
 - Volunteers were solicited for the Elections committee and Bill Hirt, Jayne Turk and Andrea Craddock agreed to serve. (Tischler/Kenny Approved Unanimous)

3. Web Team

- A team is needed to help update the Senate webpages. This team will have direct web access. Mike Graves and Bill Hirt volunteered. (Tischler/Kenny Passed Unanimous)

4. Hiring Committees (Hirt/Reynolds)

- a. Fire: Mike Wilson, Patrice Thatcher, Jayne Turk
- b. ADJ: Jayne Turk and Jude Baldwin
- c. Welding: Mike Tischler, Jenny Heath, Bill Hirt

5. Graduation Readers (Tischler/Fernandez Approved Unanimous)

- Bill Hirt and Steve Reynolds

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Committee reports

- a. Budget: The Budget committee was given several options (as information items) for Banner upgrades. The total cost is around \$2,500,000. Many faculty expressed reservations over the cost of the plan. Scotty was present during the meeting to answer question. He stressed that the Banner fixes are need for more efficient operation and to make Banner function the way we want it to. Several campus forums will be held to solicit feedback form the campus community. A special Board of Trustees meeting will be held to approve the expenditure.
- b. Flex/Staff development: No Report
- c. Equivalency: No Report
- d. Curriculum: No Report
- e. Program review: No Report
- f. Distance Ed: Motion from the Committee to formally approve Canvas Expense Report and support transition to Canvas. (Approved Unanimous)

2. Are we interested in adopting open source textbooks? <http://www.cool4ed.org/>

- A Discussion occurred and many noted that the quality and variety is very different between disciplines and it may not be appropriate for

everyone. However, individual instructors may choose to use open source texts.

- Motion: To not support an institutional commitment to open source textbooks. (Vancil/Dixon Approved Unanimous)

3. Faculty Work stations in classrooms: MORE?

- a. Consistency
- b. Doc cam
- c. Computer
- d. Screen
- e. More than 1 white board
- f. Bulletin boards
- g. Easels with large sticky paper
- h. Phones
- i. Inside locking doors

- Faculty discussed the needs for upgrades and consistency in the classrooms at COS. One suggestion, not on the list, was to key all of the rooms with a fob. This would be very advantageous, especially for part-time faculty.
- Scotty indicated the cabinet will begin working on prioritizing and implementing some of the recommendations.

4. Emeritus Faculty

- Please send your nominations to Jayne, which should include a narrative of the faculty member's post-retirement contributions to COS.

D. NEW BUSINESS