NWACC Faculty Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 26, 2013
Burns Hall 2105

Bryan Aguiar, President of Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

I. **General**

Professional Development—presented by Ashley Byrd

- Plans are underway to have a big-name speaker at Celebrate Learning in August and again in the spring
- Requesting suggestions for speakers (can also contact Jo Schwader)
- Survey will be sent to faculty to help design workshops for the fall

SGA—presented by Christy Reynolds & Nathan Turner

- Request faculty and staff help identify students who might be interested in SGA (10 positions with full-ride scholarships)
- A subgroup of SGA controls NWACC club monies
- SGA is starting its 3rd year
- SGA went to Arkansas legislature and lobbied for the college
- Contacts for SGA include sga@nwacc.edu and webpage with link from NWACC homepage

Concealed Carry Law—presented by Bryan Aguiar

- Board of Trustees will likely make decision about opting-out or not during May meeting
- Resolution signed by college officials will be presented to Board in favor of opting-out

II. **New Business**

Faculty Senate Constitution

- Graduation is the official end of current Senators' duties
- New Faculty Senate President has duties over summer term with stipend—other Senators begin duties when new academic year starts
- Motion to approve amended Faculty Senate Constitution by Nathan Crowder; seconded by Wendi Williams; approved

Issuance of FP Grade Policy (FP Policy)

- FP policy written by Academic Standards Committee to replace FA policy
- "FP" grade assigned if student does not complete at least 50% of coursework
- Financial Aid/Registrar heavily involved in writing of FP policy
- Planning for fall semester implementation
- Syllabi content written in policy
- Linda Lovell asked Deans for a document that lists all syllabus content that faculty need to include in their syllabi
- Motion to approve FP Policy by Barbara Rademacher; seconded by Carey Chaney; approved

Administrative Drop for Non-Attendance Policy (Drop Policy)

- Faculty Senate did not approve policy during their last meeting—content was re-worded and Senate voted to approve amended Drop Policy via email
- Would eliminate Attendance Tracking
- May help retention rates
- Students would get all tuition and fees refunded if administratively dropped
- Motion to approve by Carol Olson; seconded by Barbara Rademacher
- Comment that wording of policy is not flexible enough
- Approved with 2 oppositions and 4 abstentions

Floor Open

- Question regarding raises for adjunct faculty based on $500,000 revenue from state
- Question/comment regarding security needs at Jones Center in Springdale
- Faculty Banquet this evening—can still buy tickets
- Academic Progress Policy passed Expanded Cabinet with immediate implementation—courses being considered for probationary students
- Art Show & Play this evening
- Request for faculty to complete survey for Information Literacy course
- Library has a new fee, but some budget money was eliminated
- Question/comment regarding business cards for adjunct faculty
- Question/comment regarding public relations announcements being moved to MNC
- Numerous recent technology problems at NWACC
- Pre-engineering students giving presentation at Bogle Plaza next Tuesday morning

III. Bryan Aguiar, Faculty Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 2:18 pm.

Submitted by Melissa Jordan, Faculty Senate Secretary, 2012-2013