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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
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(Bump Lounge)

Call to Order

Chair Tom Montoya called the meeting to order at ~11am.

Roll Call

Senators present: Drs. Haley Armstrong (HUM), Xinhua Bai (PHYS), Karen Braman (MCS), Andrea Brickey (MEM), William Cross (METE), David Gilley (CABS), Randy Hoover (ECE), Zeynep Baran (GEOL/GEOE), Albert Romkes (ME), Kayla Pritchard (SS), and Thomas Montoya (Chair).

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes- The minutes from the May 10, 2018 meeting were not ready, defer to next meeting.

Report from the Chair

- Notice that the Faculty Senate has a Tuesday, October 2 meeting at 1:30pm in Bump Lounge with Board of Regents President & Executive Director.
- Dr. Winter notified me that the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering has made a request to the Provost to consider awarding Ben Authier a posthumous bachelor degree in accordance with SD BOR Policy 2:17. He believes no action is needed by the Senate.
- Brought up need for a new Faculty Senate Secretary to replace Dr. Cross, deferred action to next meeting. (Dr. Montoya did minutes for 9-13-2018 meeting).

Committee Assignments

- A. Academic Affairs- Senators Cross, Robinson, & Matejcik
- B. Finance and Personnel- Senators Montoya & Pagnac (gone Fall 2018)
- C. Research and Scholarly Affairs- Senators Brickey, Bai, & Baran
- D. Student Affairs- Senators Braman, Pritchard, & Gilley
- E. University Relations- Senators Menkaus, Henry, & Hoover
- F. By-Laws- Senators Romker & Armstrong

Old Business

- A. Proposed P&T dossier preparation edits
Not to faculty Senate yet. No further discussion
- B. GenEd Goal 1 & 2 changes
HUM/SS met with Provost Khouris & Kate Alley about this issue. Some discussion about this issue. Later, brought up with SD BOR at 10-2-2018 meeting.
- C. Fleet vehicle cleaning (done?)

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Discussion about faculty being given jobs by service personnel/organizations and encroachments on faculty time and prerogatives.

D. Plus/minus grading

Not discussed.

E. Time limits for undergraduate degree completion (in-progress w/ Academic Affairs Committee)

Not discussed

New Business

A. Provost- SDSMT Policy II-9-3 Academic Appeals changes

Discussion with Provost about tradition/history of having faculty representation on the Academic Appeals Committee. Issue brought up that many appeals occur during summer months (most faculty not on contract). Provost offered to have a department head (12 month contract) co-chair this committee.

B. Approve the MEM 291 & MEM 391 courses approved by the UCC via e-mail vote late August.

Approved by voice vote.

C. Invite Registrar to discuss Incomplete Grade Contracts at next meeting?

Not discussed.

Other? Nothing

Adjourn

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 11:55 am.