

Faculty Senate Meeting 4/5/2

Minutes by Kate Miller

Rick Appleman, Dave Hobbs, Chip Todd, Kate Miller, Mary MacLaughlin, Dave Carter, Andrea Stierle, Danette Melvin.

Dennis Haley, visiting.

Will wait until next meeting to elect chair.

Report from Kate Miller about the BOR meeting March 21-22, in Havre. Roads were closed but Kate made it through; scheduled demonstration for lack of benefits to same sex partners did not occur. Discussions of economic development, justification of budget request to legislature. Sundstead indicated that it would be best to pick out items that are likely to get funded and work on those. Regent Simmons picked up on this theme and carried it into more discussion on selling economic benefits of funding the university system. There was a discussion of university public service and an example of the prison system as one public entity that we could serve. Schramm discussed BOR grievance system, indicated that almost all grievances will be settled out of court. There was a BOR initiative (moved up to May meeting) to allow top administrators to augment their salaries with private funding from the Foundations. Simmons voted in disagreement, but motion carried. Dr. Joyce Scott talked about the importance of being responsive to changing needs; specifically picked out Tech for having 2 associates programs in nursing and that they need to pick one. (Danette Melvin explained that the nursing programs are accredited by the state board of nursing, that the national accreditation is not required, and that a program can't even request accreditation until the first students have graduated.) There were only 2 faculty reps there, total, so the meeting between BOR and faculty reps was cancelled. Afternoon – business items, student reports (all the students made it), campus reports by CEO's. Dr Gilmore mentioned environmental money, robotic welder, science fair. Friday morning, miscellaneous items including agricultural producer rep, with possible future retreat with BOR.

Dave Carter: made a motion to take the proposed Senate Resolution to the 4-23-2 faculty meeting. The proposed resolution recommends that the rank of Dean be eliminated from the North Campus. The resulting administrative structure would include Department Heads supervised by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Motion seconded by Andrea Stierle. Discussion: Would result in more involvement by VCAAR. Dennis Haley noted historically two deans were eliminated, then five division heads which turned into 3 deans. Previously only had 2 full time deans with more students than we have now with 3 deans. Some colleges in name only; just departments thrown together. Purpose is to find out how the faculty feel about the existing structure. Open this up for discussion. Discussion of academic administrative structure. Passes unanimously.

Should we acknowledge in the Handbook that the President of UM has the final decision on promotion and tenure requests?

Campus Collegiate Evaluation Committee. Flawed process: uniformity, timeline.

1. They look at application on the basis of what Dennison will pass.
2. Is it fair to have a campus-wide evaluation committee, can someone in Chemistry understand someone in Engineering.
3. Should re-visit the issue of on campus evaluation committee.

Will carry the discussion forward to the next meeting.