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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes for March 1st, 2004

Call to Order

Kevin Kesler called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Minutes

Janice Hall made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 2nd meeting. The motion, seconded by Jeff Banks was passed.

Information Items

Internal Audits

Jodi Bailey presented the roll and responsibility of the Internal Audits Department. An online training program is being made available. Included in the training is the reporting process, what to report, and what not to report. President Hall wants all faculty and staff to complete this training program.

Health Care Administrative Costs

Kevin Kesler made it known of the latest raise of Health Care Costs equivalent to 123% increase in Administrative charges. The options are to negotiate a lower cost, seek another bid for health care coverage, or pay the requested increase.

Faculty Senate Elections

Marv Halling announced the upcoming Faculty Senate Elections. Letters will be sent to the Deans of each college this week encouraging them to start the process of Faculty Senate Elections. The elections results are due on March 19th.

New Website

Kevin Kesler introduced the newly renovated Faculty Senate website, created by Faculty Senate Staff Assistant Ryan Passey.

Proposed New Business

Kevin Kesler proposed making New Business, to be discussed at the end of the agenda, the issue of moving the last Faculty Senate meeting from May 3rd, when many faculty will have left for the summer, to one week prior, being April 26th.

Consent Agenda

Carol Kochan moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion, seconded by Jan Roush, passed.

Key Issues and Action Items

Calendar Committee

Sydney Peterson presented the choices of calendars for the Spring Semester of 2005 that the Calendar Committee are currently working on. She defined the differences between the three calendars and their respective pros and cons. Discussion continued regarding the proposed alternate calendars. She then asked for a poll vote from the Faculty Senate on their preference. The results favored the calendar with less instruction days, one interim day, and less time for finals and closeout by approximately 3/5 of the vote.

Student Recognition

Janis Boettinger presented a resolution which officially thanks the students who traveled to participate in the legislative sessions currently underway. They lobbied in support of increased funding for the university including salary increases for faculty. Janis moved that this resolution be accepted by the Faculty Senate and sent to ASUSU. The motion, seconded by Stephen Bialkowski, passed.

Committee on Dual Career Issues

Kevin Kesler explained that there needs to be a Faculty Senate representative on the newly formed Committee on Dual Career Issues. He briefly presented the roll of the committee and asked for a volunteer from the senate to be on the committee. Gilberto Urroz volunteered to be on the committee.

New Business

Meeting Rescheduling

Kevin Kesler asked for a motion to move the last Faculty Senate meeting from May 3rd to one week prior, which is April 26th. Stephen Bialkowski made the motion, and Vance Grange seconded. The motion passed.

Adjourn

Kevin Kesler called for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.