Faculty Senate
April 3, 2014

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the minutes for the March 20, 2014 meeting.
3. Elections for the 2014-2015 Executive Committee
4. Updates:

a. Standing Committee preference forms - Eric
b. Faculty Handbook – Doug

5. Questions, concerns, suggestions for Q/A with President Lewis and Provost Bitzer on May 1.
6. Meet on April 17? (same day/time as Research and Creativity Showcase)
7. Additional items Faculty Senate needs to discuss next year?
8. Adjourn
9. Next meeting: May 1 , 2014

MINUTE APPROVAL – APPROVED

ELECTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTTEE

Chair – Elected Lyn Boulter
Vice-Chair – Elected Eric Hake
Secretary – Elected Erin Wood
At Large – Elected Beth Homan

UPDATES

Standing Committee Forms

Collating information with goal of chairs listed by the end of the semester
Looking for list of all faculty who could serve on committees
Forms are due on April 11th

Faculty Handbook

Waiting to hear from the lawyers about where changes need to be made
Will likely have work done over the summer so that this can be discussed at the pre-term meetings

Questions, concerns, suggestions for Q/A with President and Provost

Need to generate a list of questions to provide prior to meeting
Concerns and suggestions for next year
Question about sabbatical leave program that still is present in the handbook
- Could be a method of rejuvenating faculty who have become burnt out, donor possibility and open up the possibility for untenured faculty, ensure equality through partial sabbaticals
- Related issue of phased retirement
- These two issues run counter to not having enough teaching faculty

Question of where this lies in our priorities (i.e. retirement, hiring, etc.)

Pressing concern is the change in academic calendar, senate should ask more questions

Do we have a choice? And how does this influence the discussion

Should we reserve a senate meeting to deal with this discussion?

FYS and question of how we are going to staff it and what form it will take in the future

Meet on April 17?

No meeting on April 17th

ADJOURNMENT