

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the minutes for the November 7, 2013 meeting.
3. Faculty Handbook (2 attachments) – Doug
Please note that #14 has been added to the attachment with questions for revision of the Faculty Senate Constitution
4. Adjourn
5. Next meeting: December 5, 2013

MINUTE APPROVAL – APPROVED

NEW ITEMS

Request by Provost to speak with faculty senate, this may be about the position of the Provost but that is unclear at this point

Renewed discussion about the general issue of a search process as part of the hiring process

Disconnect between a search vs. the job that Dr. Bitzer is accomplishing as a Provost, this is not an either/or position

General feeling that if this is about the search process a discussion should be held with the entire faculty, rather than only the senate

FACULTY HANDBOOK

1. Review of the Constitution and By-Laws section.
2. Should faculty evaluations (including student evaluation of courses) be revisited, including consultation with FTPC? This would also include, potentially, revising/updating the forms used in these evaluations (FPAR, etc.). Consider the statement on faculty evaluation on page 27. This should also include details on the assessment responsibilities of Department Chairs and, where appropriate, Deans.
3. Should the Senate Chair be excused from serving on standing committees? Consider elected vs. appointed committees.
4. Should committee chairs serve a maximum of 4 consecutive terms?
5. Should committee minutes be posted and, if so, where (access vs. FERPA issues)?
6. Consider a “modern” approach to office hours to include a mix of actual and virtual hours as well as reconsidering the “12-hour rule.”

Current Discussion: General consensus is this should be reduced
 Still should include by appointment and actual office time
 A portion could be virtual, related debate about virtual hours

7. Should there be a uniform grading scale?

Current Discussion: Issue of what percentage scores correspond with which letter grades
 This might help bring clarity to students
 Some of this material is in the Catalog
 General consensus is no

8. Should a faculty representative be involved in any proposal to cancel a faculty meeting?

Current Discussion: The faculty senate chair should be involved.

ADJOURNMENT