



Staff Senate Minutes

March 18, 2014, 3pm Santiam Room, WUC

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:11pm.

Attendance

Present: Sue Denoyer, Megan Habermann, Elayne Kuletz, Nan Lehto, Kevin Mahoney, Heather Mercer (President), Crystal Ross, Dona Vasas.

Absent: Brandon Neish (Vice President), Sharon Price

Agenda Approval

March 18, 2014 – Motion to Approve (Nan moved, 2nd by Crystal) 8-0-0. Motion was carried.

Minutes Approval

February 18th – Motion to Approve (Crystal moved, 2nd by Elayne) 7-0-1. Motion was carried.

Messages from the President

Heather reported the legislative session ended. There was a request for the HECC to do a study to consider free tuition to go to community colleges. Mark wonders why not 4-year universities? 5 million dollars was given for the Oregon Military Academy (OMA), but it isn't enough money for us to purchase it at this time. The OMA wants 6.5 million. We are in no rush to buy it but at least we've not got our hand on it. It was reported that the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) shortened the time by a year. EOU will no longer have a president, vice president, or provost after June. They are projecting negative balances and they now will have no leadership team. SOU is in retrenchment. They did a no-confidence vote for the president, vice president, and provost. Mark will do a presentation on March 31 to the SBHE on our governance; the vote will take place on April 4th. Mark is expecting no less than a "yes". If approved, the board will need to consist of between 11-14 members. With at least 1 student, 1 staff, 1 faculty. Staff Senate will be asked for at least 3 candidates. Discussion on this topic will occur at the appropriate time. Mark hopes that the board will participate in the presidential search. The search he expects will be a nationwide search. The COE building is now funded with the help of Dr. Richard Woodcock who donated \$1.6 million dollars plus money to do some scholarships. There will be a ground breaking ceremony prior to graduation. The building is expected to open in 2 years. The building is part of an executive order to be made of advanced wood products, and is the showcase building for this initiative.

Faculty Senate Report

Nothing to report.

ASC Report

The next ASC meeting is Friday at 2:30pm.

Student Senate Report

The IFC budget is done.

Old Business

Website updating – Tabled

Staff Survey – Tabled

New Business

Topic for next informal meeting – OnBoarding

Future projects – We discussed perhaps using our budget to get gift cards to do coffee with new staff. Nan talked about if we are able to help departments with retirement parties for their retiring staff.

Discuss nominations for Governance Board – We are all to be talking to our areas of campus to start thinking of possible staff people to nominate as board members, in the event that we are granted our independent governance.

Elections – Tabled

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm (Acclamation)

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