

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Cheyenne Campus-Room 2410
February 1, 2008

1. Chair Judy Stewart opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.
2. The attendance sheet was signed.

Senate Leadership Present:

Judy Stewart, Chair; Sondra Cosgrove, Chair-Elect; Alok Pandey, Past-Chair, Jodie Mandel, Secretary

Senators Present: Eric Moreau, Ivonne Leavell, Jennifer Basquiat, Laura McBride, Patrick Quinn, Robb Bay, Samuel Esemuede, Bob Gutschick, Terry Pippin, Ken Betita, Heidi Schneider, Tracy Sherman, Deborah Mzhickteno, Melissa Schalles, Judy Scott, Randy Becker, Joe Miller, Lynn Best, Jim Matovina, Rhett Michelson, Joel Johnson, Bert Chiasson, Sue Blizard, Joshua Levin, Norman Rauls, Shari Lyman.

Senators Absent w/ (proxy):

Sandra Kingma (Tom Finneran), Ther Wyckoff (Candace Kant), Mike Connolly (Mitzi Ware).

Senators Absent w/o proxy:

Darlene Brown, Kim Brown

Guest:

Regent Steve Sisolak, President Michael Richards, Vice President Patty Charlton-Dayar, Vice President Carlos Campo, Diana Clennan, Stephen Konowalow, Sue Gordon, John Mueller, Bill Kerney, Kraig Knapp, Fred Jackson, Tina Petrie, Dale Etheridge, Steve Soltz, David Fowler.

3. **Approval of December 7, 2007 Minutes:**

A motion to approve the December minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were approved by a majority vote.

Committee Reports:

Faculty Welfare-Candace Kant

Candace Kant, Chair of the committee discussed the Tenure Policy changes. The main change is, the Dean will inform the candidates of the status of their application. Ms. Kant urged Faculty to read the policy thoroughly, and send questions or comments to her. Chair Stewart commented that this may be an Info/Action item next meeting.

Regarding the Merit Policy, Chair Kant said it only applies to faculty who have topped out on the salary schedule. She stated only a few changes have been made and one sentence was added to the bottom of the first page. The conditions on the second page are set by the Board Policy and could not be changed. Chair Kant said the Merit Policy will be an Info/Action item at the next meeting. She suggested Senators have their constituents look at the Policy.

Academic Standards-Bill Kerney

Chair of the committee, Bill Kerney reported that his committee worked on the Workforce and Economic Development Policy which they discussed with the Dean Moorman in January. They made minor changes and it will be available next month. Regarding Academic Dishonesty, the committees recommended the Senate form an Ad Hoc committee to study what can be done regarding student codes, or a policy regarding student dishonesty. Regarding the Audit Policy, the committee feels that #5 in the current policy should be removed.

Discussion of the Budget:

To accommodate guest, Chair Stewart bypassed the subsequent agenda item and moved to the Discussion of the Budget. Guest Regent Steve Sisolak, President Michael Richards, VPAA Carlos Campo, and Vice President Patty Charlton-Dayar participated in an interactive discussion with Senators.

The current Budget Plan was explained to them.

Policies:

Summer Pay Dates-

Payroll South has proposed combining summer payroll with regular payroll. A motion for a response to Payroll South was put forth by Faculty Senate; for a yes/no vote.

-“If you do not support combining regular paychecks with summer paychecks” (saying NO to Payroll South). The results of the vote were NO-19, YES-6

Tina Petrie from Human services stated you can change your W4 form throughout the year. John Mueller said he would provide answers to questions from faculty regarding W4's and any other related issues.