Unclassified Professional Senate

Minutes
May 4, 2011 at 9:00 AM
RSC 314

Members present: Grady Landrum, April Keim, Becky North, Edie Brown, Jason Holmes, Kim Sandlin, Mike Wood, Pam Chamberlin, Rege Klitzke, Kevin Crabtree, Sally Fiscus, Donna Hawley, Connie Dietz, Susan Norton, Melissa Ward,

Members absent: Connie Landreth, Delinda Royse, Janet Jensen, Cheryl Miller, Kathy Downes, Frankie Brown.

Guest: Taylor Esposito

1. Call to order at 9:05 am

2. Review of Agenda – addition of Provost information update

3. Review and Approval of minutes (Mike/Kim) approved. Motion passed

4. Taylor Esposito PsyD., presentation on high risk drinking

   a. Prevention specialist – counseling and testing center
   b. AOD=V (alcohol and other drugs = violence)
   c. Direct correlation (research based) between amount of alcohol consumed and effect to GPA
   d. Survey done at WSU in spring 2010 and was statistically significant
      i. Entire survey results can be found at the counseling and testing web site
      ii. Drinking and driving was almost double the national average
      iii. Over 50 appointments this year for alcohol policy violations
      iv. According to awareness survey – WSU is at vague awareness of the problem
      v. Current efforts are to raise awareness through varied efforts using evidence-based strategies in accordance with the alcohol awareness strategic plan

5. UP Survey

   a. 237 respondents
   b. Most common concerns were around budgets and salaries
   c. About half said salary was competitive
   d. 42% of the 30 -50,000 range have considered leaving the University
   e. 41% involved in community service
   f. 71% don’t know who their senators are
   g. 85 different organizations noted that UP’s belong to
   h. Suggested that we are “the professional staff that keeps the organization running”
6. Pres. Constituents Meeting
   a. Talked about mill levy money and how important it is that we keep this
   b. Tuition increase could be minimum of 5% to cover some of the things mandated by the state
   c. Seems that there is representation in the legislature for classified staff and faculty, but no representation supporting UP’s

7. Provost
   a. Nothing happens until after commencement
   b. Interim provost/VP will be named by June 1
   c. Dr. Beggs is asking for input from all constituents
      i. Will organize committee to search for replacement this summer
      ii. Will be looking internally for replacement

8. Requested to have more than cursory representation on the search committee.
   a. As UP’s are 40% of the WSU committee, we should have more representation.

9. Committees
   a. Service
   b. Professional Development
   c. Awards/Recognition
   d. Legislative
   e. Grievance
   f. Election
      i. Success doing electronically
      ii. Example - Academic affairs 40% voted last time, 46% this time
   g. Dining Services
   h. UPS Website
   i. RSC Board of Directors

10. Spring Meeting 5/12 at 3:30 Ballroom
    a. Food, invitations and speakers have been arranged
    b. MRC will record and archive the meeting

11. As May Arise

12. Adjourn at 10:20 am