

Congress

Monday, May 2, 2011

Approved Minutes
(Approved September 12, 2011)

Present: K. Liu, C. MacDonald, D. Quatroche, M. Stimley, B. Balch, L. Tinnerman, T. Whitaker, F. Lai, W. Barratt, K. Bauserman

1. Meeting was called to order at: 3:03 pm
2. Minutes for April 11, 2011 were corrected and approved. Motion passed (Liu, Quatroche, 7-0-2).
3. New Business – None
4. Old Business
 - a. SIR Discussion
Bauserman presented feedback from EESE department. After much discussion among Congress members, most felt faculty should use open-ended questions for qualitative feedback on student learning and use SIRs for quantitative feedback on faculty teaching. Tinnerman and Bauserman reported using SALG (Student Assessment of Learning Gains) as another tool to measure student learning. It was suggested that the university consider adopting standardized administration procedures for SIRs.
5. Faculty Senate Representative Report
C. MacDonald discussed what appears to be growing concern about the number of new programs being proposed and how to fund these programs without harming existing programs. The consultation form for new program proposals was also discussed as needing more clarity. On another matter, the Faculty Senate recommended to the President not to purchase the parking garage at the corner of 8th and Cherry.

6. Dean's Report

Balch announced Associate Dean Powers' promotion to Associate VP for Academic Affairs. He will be searching for a replacement effective July 1, 2011. He thanked us for serving on Congress this year.

7. Chair's Report

MacDonald thanked Congress members for good attendance this academic year (quorum at every meeting).

8. Open Discussion: Tinnerman reported success of graduate students at the New England Education Researcher conference.

9. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 3:35.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kathryn Bauserman