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Senate minutes October 12, 2023

Attendance: Please see the Appendix for the list of attendees.

Call to Order: Senate President Hussein Mohamed called the meeting to order at 3:15. Parliamentarian Tom Gonzalez stated that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Hussein asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. The motion was made by Carl Gabrini and seconded by Tom Gonzalez. There was no discussion; the vote to approve the minutes was carried.

Congratulations to Dr. Fuchko: Hussein congratulated Dr. Fuchko on his appointment as President of Dalton State.

Committee Assignments: Hussein said that all committees are now complete; he has sent the list of members to each committee so they can set up their first meetings.

Committee Reports

Academic Programs: Nothing to report

Assessment: Ali Akdeniz stated that the committee is working on the new program assessment manual. The committee plans to complete the new assessment manual by the end of the year.

Faculty Development: Nothing to report

Faculty Evaluation: Jeff Stanley reported that the committee has met and elected Matt Hippias as chair.

Faculty Resource: Nothing to report

Faculty Welfare: Nothing to report

Strategic Planning Monitoring: Nothing to report

Tenure and Promotion: Chris Wozny reported that 19 individuals are going up for promotion or tenure this year; all 19 portfolios qualified to continue the process. Chris also stated that he is going up for promotion as well as serving as committee chair; the chair is a non-voting member. The deadline for department chairs to submit their letters of support is November 17. Chris stated that Samantha Blair will no longer be serving on the committee; Doyle Loughren will take her place as representative from Physical Sciences.

New Business

Policy on Policies

Hussein reminded the Senate of Bruno Hick's comments at the September meeting. Dalton State currently does not have policy on policies, specifically a policy on adopting mandates from the University System and incorporating them into our existing manuals and procedures. Hussein said that Bruno had suggested two methods for adopting these mandates; the first would be presidential adoption, in which the Dalton State president shares the new policies with the Provost and Deans for distribution to the faculty. The second option would be automatic adoption, in which policies go directly to the campus community. Hussein asked for a motion regarding these two options.

The motion was made by Carl Gabrini and seconded by Tom Gonzalez.

Kent Harrelson asked for clarification of the motion's wording. Hussein stated that the motion is to approve the campus adoptions of USG policies and mandates. Laura Tolliver asked for clarification on the difference between the two options. Dr. Fuchko said that the chancellor announces new policies; under the automatic option, those announcements would be forwarded to the campus community. Under the presidential option, the Dalton State president would be able to provide guidance on implementing new policies. Discussion followed.

The motion to adopt the presidential option for implementing USG policies was carried.

Announcements

New General Education framework

Hussein introduced the topic of the new General Education core framework; the relevant documents had been previously distributed by email. Bruno Hicks discussed the new wording from the USG on core curriculum; the categories have been changed from "Areas" to "Core Impacts." He stated that the new wording will be required on all syllabi for core classes. He said that the new policy does not change the classes that are in the core; rather, the new terminology is intended to help students understand the purpose of each core area. Bruno said that he fully supported the changes.

Dr. Fuchko said that while the policy has already gone into effect, institutions will be expected to fully implement the policy by fall 2024.

There were no other announcements.

Adjournment and next meeting

The next senate meeting is scheduled for 3:30 on November 9.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kent Harrelson, secretary

Appendix: Attendance

| Senators | Guests |
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| Ali Akdeniz | Manal Abdelsamie |
| Cynthia Bailey | Diego Alvarado Ruiz |
| Jacqueline Boals | Katrina Autry |
| Susan Burran | James Beach |
| Cecile de Rocher | Karren Bennett |
| Erik Elakman | Tammy Byron |
| Chuck Fink | Elizabeth Dunaway |
| John Fuchko, Dalton State President | Sarita Gale |
| Carl Gabrini | Rogelio Garcia-Cuna |
| Thomas Gonzalez, Parliamentarian | Nicholas Gewecke |
| Kent Harrelson, Secretary | Crystal Goforth |
| Timothy Hawkins | Jami Hall |
| Bruno Hicks, Provost | Michael Hilgemann |
| Matthew Hipps | Kim Horne |
| Ryan Hoffpauir | David Lesicko |
| Calley Hornbuckle | Jon Littlefield |
| Leah Howell | Julia Madaris |
| Clint Kinhead | Michael Masters |
| Nancy Mason | Lori McCarty |
| Annabelle McKie-Voerste | Tammy Rice |
| Holly Miller | Deborah Richardson |
| Hussein Mohamed, Senate President | John Shim |
| Jodie Pack | Amanda Smith |
| Jennifer Randall, President-Elect | Melissa Whitesell |
| Lynda Ridley | Christopher Wozny |
| Patrick Ryle | |
| Jeff Stanley | |
| Laura Tolliver, Webmaster | |
| Lirong Yu | |
| Xinghai Zhao | |