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Dalton State Faculty Senate

Minutes of Senate Meeting on November 9, 2023

Attendees: Please see Appendix 1 for the list of attendees.

Call to Order: Senate president Hussein Mohamed called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Parliamentarian Tom Gonzalez stated that a quorum was present.

Approval of minutes: Hussein asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12 meeting. The motion was made and seconded.

Executive Cabinet Briefing

Dr. John Fuchko said that he would like for all changes to college policies to go through the Faculty Senate, the Staff Council, and the SGA, to provide greater transparency and to make sure everyone is aware of these changes.

Dr. Bruno Hicks said that Nick Gewecke is working on a report that may require data from faculty; Bruno asked that faculty provide any information that Nick requests. He reminded the senate about the changes to the core curriculum (Core Impacts) and that course syllabi will need to be updated.

Dr. Jodi Johnson said that head count for the fall semester is up 8.22% over last year; she congratulated and thanked all those involved. She said that full-time enrollment is up 5.4% and dual enrollment is up over 100%. She said that anyone who would like to work on the strategic enrollment plan should contact her to participate.

New Business

Printed Gradebooks

Dr. Tammy Byron discussed the new USG policy on course gradebooks. Previously, Dalton State had required printed gradebooks to be retained indefinitely. The USG now allows printed (spiral-bound) gradebooks to be discarded one semester after completion of the term. The recommendation at Dalton State is to discard the gradebooks after one year.

Hussein asked for a motion to approve the change in policy. The motion was made by Tom Gonzalez and seconded. There was no further discussion.

The motion to approve the change in gradebook policy was carried; printed gradebooks may be shredded after one semester.

Committee Reports

Academic Conduct Committee: Leah Howell stated that the committee had nothing to report.

Academic Programs Committee: Tammy Rice stated that there were only two matters to be discussed by the committee; an online vote was held in lieu of a meeting.

Assessment Committee: Ali Akdeniz reported that the committee has been meeting every other week; it plans to make recommendations to the Senate at its February meeting.

Faculty Development Committee: Lynda Ridley stated that the committee elected Elizabeth Dunaway as chair. They discussed logistics for Bold Talks in the spring.

Faculty Evaluation Committee: Jeff Stanley said that the committee will be updating language in the Faculty Evaluation Manual. Hussein said that after finishing the current evaluation cycle, the committee will review the tenure and promotion manual.

Faculty Resource Committee: The committee has elected Calley Hornbuckle as chair and Kelson Smith as secretary. The committee asked everyone to respond the Library survey from Melissa Whitesell to provide more data for the upcoming improvements to the Library. Participation in the annual survey has dropped in the post-covid era.

Faculty Welfare Committee: Carl Gabrini reported that Jennifer Randall had been elected chair. Jennifer said that the committee had held a discussion about the required number of student hours (office hours).

Strategic Planning Monitoring Committee: Jacqueline Boals said that Carl Gabrini volunteered to serve as chair. They will meet on Nov. 13 to discuss the process of monitoring the strategic plan.

Tenure and Promotion committee: Nothing to report

Announcements

VP for Fiscal Affairs Search

Faculty were asked to complete the VP for Fiscal Affairs survey by Nov. 17.

Minutes of Committee Meetings

Laura Tolliver said that minutes of committee meetings should be uploaded to Georgia View. Hussein asked who has access to these; he said they should be available to all faculty. Dr. Fuchko said that a Teams group could be created for the faculty senate. Hussein asked in addition that each committee email its minutes to him.

Next Meeting

The Senate will not meet in January because the meeting date would occur within the first week of classes. The next Senate meeting will be at 3:30 on February 8, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kent Harrelson, secretary.

Appendix 1: Attendance at Senate Meeting, November 9, 2023

Senators	Guests
Ali Akdeniz	Manal Abdelsamie
Jacqueline Boals	James Beach
Susan Burran	Heather Brumlow
Cecile de Rocher	Tammy Byron
John Fuchko, Dalton State President	Matthew Chenoweth
Carl Gabrini	Joy Defoor
Thomas Gonzalez, Parliamentarian	Sarita Gale
Kent Harrelson, Secretary	Nicholas Gewecke
Timothy Hawkins	Cameron Godfrey
Bruno Hicks, Provost	Jami Hall
Ryan Hoffpauir	Marilyn Helms
Calley Hornbuckle	Brooklyn Herrera
Leah Howell	Katherine Hyatt
Natalie Johnson	Jodi Johnson
Clint Kinhead	Gina Kertulis-Tartar
Jon Littlefield	Nancy Mason
Micah Manley, Student Representative	Lori McCarty
Annabelle McKie-Voerste	Tammy Rice
Holly Miller	John Shim
Sarah Min	Wendy Sosebee
Hussein Mohamed, Senate president	
Jodie Pack	
Jennifer Randall, President-Elect	
Lynda Ridley	
Patrick Ryle	
Jeff Stanley	
Laura Tolliver, Webmaster	
Lirong Yu	