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Dalton State Faculty Senate

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

Call to Order: Senate president Hussein Mohamed called the meeting to order at 3:15 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 January meeting. The motion was made and seconded.

Annabelle McKie-Voerste stated that the minutes were inaccurate. Hussein said that a motion to amend the minutes would be necessary. The issue was a motion passed at the February meeting, in which the wording of the online poll used for the vote differed from the wording of the actual motion.

The motion stated, "The Evaluation Committee shall revise the timetable for tenure and promotion. When the Promotion and Tenure Committee receives the portfolios for review, if any required documents are missing, the Chair of the committee shall notify the applicant; the applicant shall have at least 24 hours to upload the documents." Due to space limitations in the online polling system, the poll used an abbreviated version of the motion; it stated, "Approve motion for Evaluation Committee to reconsider timetable for P&T."

Motion: Annabelle moved to amend the minutes to reflect the wording in the online poll. The motion was seconded and discussed.

Tom Gonzales said that the minutes were correct; under Robert's Rules of Order, a motion can be reworded only by a motion to amend its wording; the motion in question was never amended. Deb Richardson said that the rules are usually applied in a face-to-face meeting. Omin Chandler agreed with Deb, saying that the key word was "reconsider" rather than "revise."

Motion amended: Deb amended the motion to include both wordings in the February minutes.

Tom said that it would be a misinterpretation of parliamentary procedure to amend the minutes. Hussein called for a vote on the motion. There was a technical issue with the online polling system. While this was being resolved, Hussein asked for committee reports.

Committee Reports

Academic Conduct Committee: Nothing to report.

Academic Programs Committee: Nothing to report.

Assessment Committee: Ali Akdeniz said the committee reviewed several programs; they will be monitoring program and course assessment. The committee will be presenting a motion under New Business.

Faculty Development Committee: Patrick Ryle said that the Bold Talks event will be held on March 24.

Faculty Evaluation Committee: Omin Chandler said that the committee met to reconsider the evaluation process. The committee agreed to defer action on any changes to the tenure and promotion procedure or timetable.

Faculty Resource Committee: Jennifer Randall said that the Library's credit card system is still under development.

Faculty Welfare Committee: Jackie Boals said the committee is working on an event to bring faculty and their families together; anyone with suggestions for this should email her.

Strategic Planning Monitoring Committee: Nick Gewecke said the committee had met and discussed the current state of the strategic plan.

Tenure and Promotion committee: Hussein said that Brian Hibbs emailed him to report that the committee has completed its work for this year's candidates.

Motion to Amend February minutes

Using an alternate voting method, Hussein called for a vote on the motion to amend the February minutes. Carl Gabrini asked for a restatement of the motion. Hussein said that the motion is to include both the original motion and the wording from the online poll in the February minutes.

The motion to amend the February minutes to include both the original motion and the online poll was carried.

Hussein then asked for a vote on the motion to approve the February minutes. The amended minutes were approved by a majority vote.

New Business

Assessment Committee: Ali Akdeniz made the following motion:

Motion that the Faculty Senate approve the proposed program assessment deadline and review timeline, and recommend to the Assessment Committee its inclusion in a planned revision or replacement of the Student Achievement Assessment Manual.

Jenny Crisp said that if the motion is passed, we should reconsider the pay schedule for program coordinators.

The motion that the Faculty Senate approve the proposed program assessment deadline and review timeline, and recommend to the Assessment Committee its inclusion in a planned revision or replacement of the Student Achievement Assessment Manual was carried.

Next Meeting

The next Senate meeting will be at 3:15 on April 15.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kent Harrelson, secretary.

Appendix 1: Attendance at Senate Meeting, March 9 2023

Senators

James Adams Ali Akdeniz Jacqueline Boals Omin Chandler Cecile de Rocher

Chelsi Dill Chuck Fink Carl Gabrini

Thomas Gonzalez (Parliamentarian)

Kent Harrelson (Secretary)

Leah Howell
Elizabeth Hubbs
Natalie Johnson
Michael Joseph
Clint Kinkead
Jon Littlefield
Nancy Mason

Annabelle McKie-Voerste

Hussein Mohamed (Senate President)

Jodie Pack Jennifer Parker

Jennifer Randall (President-Elect)

Deborah Richardson

Patrick Ryle Jeff Stanley

Laura Tolliver (Webmaster)

Margaret Venable (Dalton State President)

Lirong Yu

Guests

Manal Abdelsamie Karren Bennett Alicia Briganti Jenny Crisp Joy Defoor

Nicholas Gewecke

Gina Kertulis-Tartar Micah Manley Tamya Morris Brynn Munro Lisa Peden Courtney Petty Tammy Rice Amanda Smith

Lawrence Ssebaggala Meagan Standridge Caleb Watkins Melissa Whitesell

Lee Ann Williams Shanon Windom