



Academic Senate Highlights September 9, 2008

Discussion Items:

Orientation

The Senate held an orientation for its members and guests. To view slides used in the presentation go to:

http://www.asccc.org/LocalSenates/OrientationSenate_files/v3_document.htm

It is important for all faculty to know the role of the Academic Senate and the "10 + 1" items for which we have primary responsibility. Another useful link is the search page for ASCCC (state level senate) papers:

<http://www.asccc.org/Publications/Ppr.asp>

Basic Skills Initiative

The Senate had the first reading of the Basic Skills Initiative budget and plan for '08-'09. The Senate president is required to sign this document before submission to the Chancellor's Office. This will be an action item at the next meeting. If anyone would like to see the plan and budget, please contact Liz Estrella. For more information about the Basic Skills Initiative visit the ASCCC (state level Senate) website and click on Basic Skills at the top of the page.

<http://www.asccc.org/>

Action Items:

Committee Appointments

Committee Appointments were made using the lists of faculty volunteers. Where there are more volunteers than positions the Senate is awaiting recommendations from the departments or divisions. See Committee Handbook for list of positions in each committee.

http://www.hartnell.edu/academic_senate/governance/Committee_Handbook_April_2008.pdf

Curriculum Committee—Dan Petersen, Carl Christensen, Kelly Locke, Jeff Hughey, Cheryl O'Donnell, Jeanne Garcia, Bill Rawson, Melissa Stave, LaVerne Cook (in capacity as Articulation Officer), Kathy Mendelsohn (as Chair).

Faculty Development Committee—Hermelinda Rocha-Tabera, LeeAnn Emanuel, Janeen Whitmore, Yvonne Reid, Chris Moss, Ann DeJesus Riley

Technology, Human and Facilities Resources—Alex Edens (Bob Barminski as alternate), Neil Ledford, and Ron Waddy. Jerri Nemiro and Ali Amercupan

are unable to serve on the committee but have been appointed to the Technology work group for this committee.

Tenure Review Revisions: Action on the revisions was tabled pending more information from the Counseling department.

Adjunct Faculty Elections

First VP Nancy Schur took on the role of Election Chair for the Adjunct Senator election. We so far have three nominees and we will be having the election soon. Any adjunct faculty who have not already indicated an interest in serving as Senator, please contact Nancy at nschur@hartnell.edu

President's Report:

Sharon Radel has agreed to fill the previously vacant position as Secretary/Treasurer. All Senate vacancies have also been filled. To see the Senate membership list please visit the Academic Senate website shown in the header. The position of 2nd Vice President is available for any Senator who would like to be nominated.

President Kelly Locke and At-Large Senator Larry Adams informed the Senate of a proposal to adapt the Digital Bridge Academy model to form three learning community cohorts for spring semester. This learning community will allow us to collect data about how the model works for our population. It will also allow us to have approximately 20 faculty train at the Faculty Experiential Learning Institute in January and continue their training with a Practicum (using the three cohorts) in the spring semester. The DBA model will be showcased in more detail at the retreat next week.