

Congress

Monday, March 14, 2011

Approved Minutes
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Present: C. MacDonald, K. Liu, M. Stimley, S. Powers, L. Tinnerman, F.Lai, T. Whitaker,
M. Hare

1. Meeting was called to order at: 3:30 pm
2. Minutes for February 14, 2011 (Liu moved, Whitaker second). Motion passed 6-0-0.
3. New Business
 - a) Assessment of courses

If we are student-centered, why are we using instructor-centered course assessment? Is the SIR II the correct learner-centered approach? Tinnerman suggested the SALG – Student Assessment of Learning Gains, a pre and post measure. Question arose as to why University continues to use the SIR II. Powers asked if Faculty Affairs or Student Affairs Committees had the charge to review course assessment. Lai shared a course assessment created by David Langley.

MacDonald asked what Congress would like to do next. Options include raising the issue in Senate 15 minute open discussion or take a written statement to Senate Exec. Stimley suggested maybe just work on the COE PTR document. Stimley pointed out that the SIR II is instructor evaluation not course evaluation.

MacDonald charged Congress members to take this discussion back to the departments to determine how the SIR II is being used.

Liu asked to have Congress Chair or Dean's office to have dept chairs put in on a departmental agenda. Powers stated that is possible but needs a vote from Congress to make it happen. Motion was made to have the Dean's office ask department chairs to have department discussion regarding instructor evaluation and have Congress members report back and provide the Dean's office with the link for departmental PRT documents (Powers, Lai second). 5-1-0.

4. Faculty Senate Representative Report – No Report

5. Dean's Report

Report on Balch – recovering well from his surgery.

First hire made for the Multicultural Education position.

SPA reports being submitted, they are due on March 15, 2011.

Counselor Day on Campus on March 15, 2011.

6. Chair's Report

MacDonald encouraged faculty to run for Faculty Senate.

7. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 3:55.

Respectfully submitted by,
Susan Powers for Kathy Bauserman