

Mont Alto Faculty Senate Minutes, October 10, 2016

Ermek Nurkhaidarov started the meeting at 12.20 sharp. Last meeting minutes approved. Mike Doncheski announced importance of the Chambersburg expo on October 20th on behalf of Debra Collins. The event would be followed by a Town Hall Event on Electoral College to be presented by Nicholas Pyeatt from Altoona.

Also Mike reminded faculty to post office hours outside door and be present during office hours. Discussion on 1+3 students started. It was suggested that additional incentives could be provided to convert 1+3 to 2+2, but that has not been decided yet. Question was asked about what students need to bring during the visit? It was decided that is up to the advisor who can tell the advisee what to bring with them during the meeting. Another question: are students getting training on how to make appointments? Mike responded he is not sure because not everybody is using Starfish to schedule appointments at this point. One suggestion is to show the student during the meeting or to send them screenshots.

Somjit Barat did report on "All In" event which had decent attendance (25-30). Dr. Achampong mentioned of diversity events at UP and architecture on diversity at UP and possibly campuses. Linghao Zhong said CORAD funding available for diversity-related events. Diversity committee is working on scheduling events for next semester.

Kira Hamman said that IT committee compiled a database of main help items that faculty asked this semester on StarFish and LP. Not many questions were asked about Canvas. Mike said individual help is still available especially with course transition or setting up a new course in Canvas. MADE sessions will be made available on Starfish and LP at 2 and 3 pm. Suggestion was made for Canvas session may on the Wednesday. Concern was raised about absence of alternate web browsers on classroom machines. Doug Prowant said it will be looked into. Also IT committee is about to come out with a survey for faculty to gauge their thoughts about any complaints/concerns/compliments on campus IT issues, so please lookout for it in your mailbox.

Mike has discussed academic degrees on the campus. "We tried Forestry leading to Bachelor's but won't happen." Radiology did not work out because students had to stay in hospitals. Great success for Psychology Program, both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science are in progress. Curricular affairs needs to be charged on getting these through. "We should have it next fall."

Mike said that Supply Chain Management Bachelor's degree is AQ approved, shared with York, we have not started developing the program yet, Fall 2018 anticipated. Students in 2 year BA program can benefit plus very high prospects in area given the developments on I-81 corridor. Not much overlap between 2BA and SCM programs.

Voluntary retirement program was discussed. On our campus we have 6 out of 9 faculty members who have accepted the deal. Dr. A will hold a town hall meeting to apprise the community of the status.

No update from UFS. Academic affairs will look at hybrid and online courses and look at statistics and best practices for such classes. Athletics committee is working on preparation for the appreciation day, trying to encourage participation and soliciting ideas from community. Brian Sensenig is planning on Tailgate before the basketball game. Morgan is planning on jam session with faculty for an hour to generate more excitement and interest. Curricular affairs and faculty affairs is going to start working on approving academic programs.

Robin Yaure reminded that if you pick up the last piece of any item in the GS stock room please let her or Charlene know. The meeting adjourned at 1.10 sharp.