

Mont Alto Faculty Senate Minutes, August 18, 2016.

Meeting called to order at 9am by Chair Ermek Nurkhaidarov.

Dr. Achampong offers his welcome back remarks. He discussed new upgraded parking lot with a new ramp. He also announced that there will be a town hall meeting on the discussion of future of Mont Alto campus. In addition, he introduced the new athletic director, Staci Brennan.

Dr. Doncheski introduced new faculties: Fred Davison (Instructor in Music), Mitchell Pitman (Instructor in Health Policy & Administration) and Steven Shanks (Instructor in IST).

Chair clarifies and obtained approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Dr. Doncheski provides an update on Canvas. He announces that ANGEL will be available until spring 2017 and after that will only be available for record. ANGEL will be close on Dec 31, 2017. He mentioned that Lionpath, to date, still have some technical glitches and may require some time to solve these bugs. In addition, he revealed Starfish, an advising tool, has new detailed features such as Early Progress Report (EPR) and assigning Kudos to students. In EPR, faculties are able to provide student progress report in week 3 and week 7. At the same time, he announced the degree audit face similar technical issues as Lionpath. He also discussed course repeat policy which now has been incorporated into the system. As such, any students who fail a specific course are permitted to repeat a maximum of three times. After which, will require a recommendation from the course instructor and approval of DAA. He also announce that faculty senate officer will be in campus on Sept 22 and as a result, the benefit open enrollment meeting which was scheduled on the same date will be postponed.

Dr. Achampong, on behalf of Diane Chamberlin, provides a summary of statistics on student enrollment and residence hall. He describes that students' enrollment has reach a trough and now gradually growing.

Chair further announced MAFS executive committee in need of two additional members since Kendra Sites and Brian Sensenig have completed their term.

Beth Neisser and Alice Royer discuss the need of additional farewell fund and seeking donation from faculties.

Chair also remind faculty to attend convocation on August 20th which starts at 1:25pm and the academic advising will follow suit at 2pm. Faculties are encourage to wear department t-shirts. In addition, faculties are to forward Fall 2016 syllabi to Charlene for record purposes. Parking passes are available at campus police office and currently all officers are allowed to hand in keys to faculties. If there is an invited guest speaker(s) require access to classroom, then it is recommended to call campus police for assistance.

Dr. Borromeo remind faculty to forward her any suggestions or issues that will be addressed at the university faculty to contact her.

Nancy Funk announced that Nicodemus Center for Ceramic Studies is currently promoting its workshop and there is an invitation for pottery sales.

Dan Dandy discuss campus theme for Mont Alto. He suggests that the diversity committee not only consists of faculties but should include staffs and members of community. This will provide a better avenue to broader the discussion of campus theme.

Meeting was concluded without a motion to adjourn 9:45am.