

Faculty Association Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 6, 2008
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:19 p.m. by the Chair.

Visitors: Howard Erdman, Chet Herbst, Barbara Pierce

II. Approval of Minutes

Consent agenda (December 13 minutes and February 29 treasury report) approved.

III. Informational Items

Standing committees – committee reports are attached to the Faculty Association March 6 online meeting agenda.

Spring meeting dates – Senate and Association meeting dates are attached to the Faculty Association March 6 online meeting agenda. Next Faculty Association social/meeting is May 1 (start time changed from 2:45 to 2:30 p.m.) followed by an all-campus meeting at 4:00 p.m.

IV. New Business

A. SCE update (Lynne Bidwell) – The pilot study link is www.lcsc.edu/faculty/sce/pilot_SCE_SP2008.htm, which shows documents (e.g., procedures, paper SCE draft, evaluation analysis and recommendations, etc.). The question was raised as to whether faculty can opt to have students complete the paper version via computers in the classroom. The answer was that if it does not create too much work for available resources, then it may be; otherwise, it may not be. Enough is not known now to commit definitively. Beta test volunteers are to submit name, phone number, course, and number of students to Wayne Carroll. Ultimately, will have two versions of the document: one for distance learning classes and one paper-and-pencil version for live classes. There will be an option to add questions for specific courses/ needs. The self-evaluation portion has been eliminated.

B. Security information (Barbara Pierce) – responded to questions initially posed by the Chair via email as follows:

Q1: What is the first thing faculty should do if they suspect a threat to student/staff safety?

A: Answers are found in the emergency plan procedures on the Intranet. Document occurrences so that LC can see how prevalent the problem is. Student Life may need to get involved for counseling and assistance.

Q2: What are benefits/pros-cons/thoughts about a PA system that could be heard everywhere on campus?

A: Howard Erdman is looking at different systems.

Q3: What is Security's role with referring students to the Counseling Center?

A: Security gathers information, investigates, and submits to Student Life or Student Services. It goes to Administration, as needed.

Q4: What is the view regarding student confidentiality versus public protection?

A: Any threat to personal safety overrides privacy. Counselors do not have to give out information or identify information in reports.

Q5: Following the recent and past incidents on campus, what insights do you have for faculty regarding safety on campus?

A: Be aware of unusual behavior and let Security know right away so that the department can observe. In the session, a question was raised regarding evacuation signage. The response was that signage needs to be appropriate and consistent. The building evacuation coordinator is responsible for this. If there are issues, email the Director of Security.

C. Chair-Elect position – If interested, contact Susan Odom or Brian Christenson. Also, inform others in respective divisions.

D. Committee members – The General Education Committee needs one new member and has received two nominees (one from T&I and one from NHS). The Business and Social Sciences divisions are also eligible for this committee, and there is a five-year commitment. This will be voted on at the May 1 meeting by ballot. Also, Eric Martin is vacating as the Chair of this committee; someone from within the Committee will take over as Chair.

The Petition Committee has three academic faculty and one technical. One academic faculty member is leaving. The committee member needed can be from Nursing and Health Sciences, Business, Humanities, or Education. Lynn Mathers, Christine Pharr, Bill Frei, Ed Miller, and Leanne Parker are currently on the Committee. This can be voted on at a future Senate meeting. Please submit nominees.

E. President's Council (Dene Thomas) – The Life-on-Wheels RV folks will be on campus this summer. Normally, this group goes to Moscow. This is good for the community.

State budget includes an expected change in employee compensation. The original 5% increase has been confirmed to be 3%. The Committee will look at faculty distribution. Still unsure regarding health benefits, although the employee portion will definitely increase.

F. Thefts (Chet Herbst) – There has been a rash of thefts recently. Inform students to secure their items. Carrying on campus with a concealed weapon permit is being discussed by Idaho higher education institutions and the State Board. Information regarding each building's emergency plan, evacuation monitors, etc., is on the Intranet.

V. Good of the Order

Nothing.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m. by the Chair. Next Faculty Association meeting
May 1.