

# Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2014

## I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the *faculty senate* was called to order at 3:35pm on August 21, 2014 in the *academy room*.

## II. Roll call

The following persons were present: *Lisa Anderson, Alan Palmer, Ron Lamb, Rick Wheeler, Milinda Weeks, Nick Marsing, Jon Cox, Kari Arnoldsen, Jonathan Bodrero, Paul Rasmussen, Ted Olson and Steve Hood*. Minutes submitted by *MarKay Gold*

## III. President and Vice President Elections

- a) Time was turned over to Ted Olson (*Faculty Association President*) to conduct the voting for the new faculty senate president. The faculty senate president must be tenured OR have 7 years of teaching experience at Snow College.
- b) The following are people that have taught at Snow College for at least 7 year and are eligible to be the faculty senate president:
  - Alan Palmer (*Welding*)
  - Jonathan Bodrero (*Math*)
  - Kari Arnoldsen (*Math*)
  - Lisa Anderson (*Business*)
  - Nick Marsing (*Psychology*)
  - Rick Wheeler (*Communications*)
  - Ron Lamb (*English*)
- c) Lisa Anderson nominated Kari Arnoldsen for the President position. Rick Wheeler moves to cease, the motion is seconded. Unanimous vote to cease recommendations for President.

*Senate members cast their vote to MarKay. Unanimous vote for Kari Arnoldsen as Faculty Senate President for the 2014-2015 year.*
- d) Nominations for the Vice President position are taken. Ron Lamb nominated Alan Palmer for the VP position. There was a move to cease nominations, Nick seconds the motion. Unanimous vote to cease recommendations for Vice President.

*Senate members cast their vote to MarKay. Unanimous vote for Alan Palmer as Faculty Senate Vice President for the 2014-2015 year.*

#### IV. Meeting times

- a) Time of the senate meetings for FALL semester will be *Wednesday's at 4:00 – 5:00pm* in the *academy room*.
- b) Time of the senate meeting for SPRING semester will be the *2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 3:30-5:00pm*. Please be aware of this when the spring teaching schedule comes out.
- c) The hope is that after this year the senate will be able to establish a permanent day similar to how dean's council operates.

#### V. Committee Assignment

- a) *Committee Assignments for 2014-2015*

Advancement and Tenure	Ron Lamb
Benefits	Ted Olson
College Council	Kari Arnoldsen
Curriculum Committee	Erick Faatz
Faculty Development	Nick Marsing
Global Engagement	Jon Cox
Honors	Jonathan Bodrero
Library	Rick Wheeler
Professional Track	Alan Palmer
Service Learning	Milinda Weeks
TTC	Lisa Anderson

#### VI. Other

- a) The senate document has not at this point gone to college council for review. Not sure if it officially has to go through them or if it is just a "blessing" that they give on the document.
- b) Kari asked all senators to tell their new committees to review their documents. If revisions are needed please start the process of making the documents current and up to date.
- c) The senate webpage is in the process of being created. There will be minutes from past meetings as well as the faculty senate roster and their term length. It was also suggested that there be added a "kudos" section on the website. Either under the senate or the academic affairs office that celebrates the successes from the faculty.

- d) The process of advancement and tenure was discussed and the idea of a public forum was suggested to help get outside opinions on how a faculty member is doing. In the past there have been suggestions made from within the department/divisions and that helped with the deans letter.
- e) The senate decided that they would like to see the President or HR send out letters every year, like in the past, that informs the faculty members of their standing at the College. They would like to see salary as well as rank on these letters. Official contracts were done in the past but are no longer practiced because legally the signed contract would trump tenure and would put the faculty members at risk. The senate would like to see a memo sent out to faculty members letting him or her know where they stand. Steve will talk to the President about seeing what can be done with this. All senators agreed that they would like to see this happen.

## VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at *4:30pm*. Next meeting will be *August 27, 2014* at *4:00pm* in the *academy room*.

Minutes submitted by *Markay Gold*