

University Council Minutes
September 9th, 2013, 3:30 p.m., KH4427

Present

Kenneth White, Mark Anderson, Ken Harmon, Carole Hill, Alicia Stignani, Sharon Pearcey, Katherine Street, Cindy Bowers, Khyllil Chestnut

Approval of previous minutes

Approval of April 15, 2013 minutes proposed by Mark Anderson and seconded.

Reports

Faculty Senate

- QM Peer Online Course Review process proposal is still under review.
 - o Discussion: Dr. Harmon expressed the need for caution as the Senate deliberates on the proposal.
- The P&T/External Letters committee will be formed by 9/30.
- The handbook change to the Handbook Committee was approved; going forward a Faculty Senate representative and Ron Matson will work together to ensure up-to-date handbooks.

Administrative Senate

- Ken White and Ron Bulloch attended at the last meeting and introduced themselves as leaders of the Faculty Senate and Staff Senate respectively.
- We're reviewing the needs of the administrative group to set our agenda for the next year
- Next meeting Susan Paraska will discuss Policy Process Council and agenda with administrators

Staff Senate

- Theme for this year is "Servant Leadership".
- December 3rd is the date set for Chili N Cheer. Chili Cook-off will take place in October, but no date has been set
- Easter Egg hunt has been cancelled. Staff Senate is considering adopting a service project instead – no decisions have been made. Ken Harmon mentioned Cobb Coalition as a source for charitable organizations in need of assistance.
- Consideration is underway to include faculty in the annual Owlympics beginning 2014.
- Working now to restock the Food Pantry – possibility of all senates participating was discussed.

Chair's and Director's Assembly

- Assembly has not met yet this Academic year
- T&P task force meeting Wednesday, September 11th
- Next scheduled meeting will be December 2nd

Dean's Council

- The QM Peer Online Course Review proposal in the Senate was discussed

- The P&T/External Letters Task Force was discussed. The Task Force will hold two forums in the Fall to solicit feedback from faculty, and two forums in the spring to provide a proposal for consideration in the Faculty Senate.
- Discussion of basing campus activities on Academic calendar vs. Jan-Dec.
- Looking at and discussing best practices for student learning – LEAP
- Working with Volunteer KSU to develop a capstone project for senior curriculum requirements.

Student Government Association

- Meet the President event scheduled for September 26th, 11:30 to 1:30, on the campus green. All administrators are invited to attend as well. Good chance to bring students and administrators together
- Student body survey will be conducted at the beginning of the academic year rather than the end – hopefully sometime between the end of September and beginning of November.
- SGA is running a toiletry drive for MUST Ministries/Food Pantry
- Student Football Advisory committee is discussing ticketing options, specifically priority seating.
- A Masquerade Ball will be hosted by SGA in the Spring to benefit Feed the Future
- Current discussions being held with Public Safety and Dr. Hinds regarding the Smoking Policy for campus. Students are still concerned that violations are occurring. Suggestions that smoking areas be moved to more secluded areas and/or covered areas have been made and discussed. It was suggested that SGA contact Diane Walker regarding smoking violations recorded for students.
- SGA is working with Dr. Ratchford in forming a committee to determine how student stipends should be distributed.
- SGA is conducting a line item review of student organizations and trying to determine why some are given status (i.e. budget) and others are not

Sharon Pearcey moved to adjourn; seconded..