Present: Frank Adams, Joe Blankenau, David Bohnert, Kathy Conway, Karen Walker, Glenn Kietzmann, Jean Lutt, Jeryl Nelson, Don Buryanek (John Renzelman), Vic Reynolds, Todd Young, Cameron Geisert, Siobhan Kelly, Ron Whitt

Guest: Lin Brummels

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Todd Young at 7:00 a.m. The minutes of the August 26 meeting were approved as read. In the future, all minutes will be distributed via email and are to be approved and/or modified via email to Todd. After approval, the minutes will be available to everyone via the campus network system.

Agenda items included the following:

• The Senate agreed that representation at various council meetings was considered an important means of communication between faculty and administration (topic from VPAA’s retreat last spring). Therefore, the following senators agreed to attend these council meetings.
  - President’s Cabinet – Todd Y.
  - Academic Council – Jeryl N.
  - AQIP – Frank A.

Announcements:

  It was announced that the WSC shuttle will no longer operate.
  A new marketing plan is being implemented for WSC with the theme “State of Minds.”

• After much discussion and email dialogue, the Senate approved the “Election Process for Department Chair” document (version 9 via email) as well as Dr. McCue (VPAA). Senators are to take responsibility for carrying out these guidelines, effectively immediately.

• Jeryl N. was elected as Vice Chair for the year.

• The Bylaws for the General Education Committee were approved as written.

• Lin Brummels presented the new campus mentoring program for new employees that will include support staff, professional staff, and faculty. Four members from each of the support and professional staffs will be selected for mentoring training. After discussion, the Senate decided that it would be best to include someone from each educational building at this time in order to take part in the training. Eventually, this could be changed to have a mentor from each department if necessary. Lin emphasized that this is a general mentoring program and not department specific, but designed to address issues that relate to everyone in general. Building nominations/representatives should be submitted to Todd.

  Lin also invited someone from the Senate to attend their regular monthly meetings.

• The Faculty Constitution and Bylaws (revised in 2002) will be reviewed by the following: Todd Y, Kathy C, Frank A, Siobhan K, and Jean L.

• The Faculty Senate agreed to take responsibility for the Faculty Handbook. Jeryl N. (VChair) will coordinate this activity with other senators and other selected faculty. Let him know if you are interested.

The next meeting will be Sept. 24th 3:00 pm. in HU 205

Respectfully submitted, Jean Lutt, CTIS Department