

Plymouth State University
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES
D_R_A_F_T
May 2, 2012
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The meeting was called to order at 3:41 p.m. with approximately 81 faculty in attendance.

I. The draft minutes from the meeting of April 4, 2012 were *accepted as submitted*.

II. Reports

- A. Sara Jayne Steen, President (sent electronically): President Steen announced that the Senate passed the amendment to House Bill 1692 which makes changes to the University System administration. The bill now goes back to the House. She was asked about how faculty can know about what the legislature is doing. Steve Barba keeps track of all the bills that would affect us/USNH and there is a System meeting once a week to discuss them. There is someone responding and testifying all the time. She would like faculty to advise her when they are testifying about a bill. There isn't an organized response to each bill because there are so many bills on so many issues. She does try to advise the campus on bills which affect this campus the most. If anyone wants to respond "on behalf of the institution" please talk to her before doing so.
- B. Julie Bernier, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (sent electronically): Briefly talked about her discussion w/Faculty Welfare Committee on equity. The Administration is setting aside money to enhance equity for faculty. The Provost will re-send the Faculty Welfare spreadsheet to faculty. No final decision yet, but still considering recommendations.

III. New Business

- A. **MOTION TO AMEND THE FACULTY BYLAWS from the FROST SCHOOL COUNCIL (Christian Roberson):** To update the Frost School Council (Article XI.F.9) in the Faculty Bylaws **to renumber the remaining Article XI.F** sections appropriately, to amend Article X as shown below, and to amend Section 1.8 of the Faculty Handbook accordingly. The proposed changes for the current Frost School Council and the rationale are included in Appendix A.

Article X of the Faculty Bylaws (additions in **bold**; deletions ~~struck through~~)

The Principal Policy-Making Committees shall be:

Academic Affairs

Academic Technology and Online Education

Athletic Council *

Council of Teacher Education *

Curriculum

Faculty Welfare

~~Frost School Council~~

General Education

* Not included on the Steering Committee

The motion was moved and seconded. Dr. Roberson spoke to the motion and asked questions. A voice vote was taken. *Motion passed.*

B. MOTION to AMEND THE FACULTY BYLAWS from the COUNCIL OF TEACHER EDUCATION (Irene Cucina): That the revised CTE bylaws be approved, thereby amending the Faculty Bylaws, Article XI. F. 4. The proposed revisions and reference materials are included in Appendix B.

The motion was moved and seconded. Irene Cucina spoke to the motion and answered clarifying questions. A Friendly Amendment was proposed and accepted and then withdrawn. A voice vote on the original motion was taken. *Motion passed.*

C. MOTION from General Education (Elliott Gruner): To accept the new description for “Writing in the Disciplines Connection” (WRCO) courses found in Appendix C, replacing the description currently found on pages 10-11 of the Gen Ed Handbook.

The motion moved and seconded. Elliot Gruner spoke to the motion and answered clarifying questions. After some discussion, a motion was made to table the discussion until next fall so departments may have some time to discuss it. Seconded. A voice vote was taken on the motion to table. *Motion to table approved.*

D. Report from General Education (Jeremiah Duncan and Elliott Gruner): Results from the faculty survey were presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Sheryl Shirley won the SOS basket raffle generously donated by the Art Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of the 2012 Distinguished Teaching Award recipients followed this month’s meeting.

- The Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award was presented by Interim AVP George Tuthill to Kathleen Norris (Education Department/College of Graduate Studies).
- The Distinguished Adjunct Teaching Award was presented by AVP David Zehr to Annie Hager (Mathematics Department).
- The Distinguished Teaching Award was presented by Provost Julie Bernier to Kathleen Arecchi (Music, Theatre and Dance Department).