

Faculty Senate Minutes - 26 November, 2019

Board Room

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Volunteers

- Notetaking? Checking in with zoom participants?
 - No Zoom participants

Approval of Minutes

- [October minutes](#)
 - Are they accurate, okay to post to [CommunityArchive](#), and be sent to both associations?
 - Approved

New Business

- Mandatory safety trainings (Susan)
 - Concerns that PT faculty are not compensated for their hours spent. A future action item? Ann is working on trying to find a better way to do. (Could we test out?)
 - Some departments are paying, but they are intentional on what trainings are done.
 - Safety is important and we do want Instructors to know the necessary protocols
 - Some job descriptions require specific trainings to be hired: blood borne pathogens, CPR, etc.
 - Money should be coming out of divisions general budget?
 - Are some trainings required by law and others at the desire of HR or Public Safety or insurance or....?
 - Are some every year or every other year?
- Goals for this year

- By-laws wishes
 - Elections--we have not been holding elections for senators, just for the chair.
 - Need to be able to say why the Senate exists
- What are the good topics?
 - Institutional Culture: how do we support each other on issues of accessibility, inclusion and equity (there is an AR coming)
 - What are the barriers to adopting?
 - Have to meet federal guidelines at the bare minimum
 - How do we make it palatable

Continuing Business

- The college's academic schedule -- setting priorities (Rick Durling)
 - Accreditation requires classes meet credit*10 to credits*12 hours per term
 - Finals week can count for the hours
 - Classes should have an even burden of missed days (ie Mondays during winter term)
 - Could classes meet for longer than 50 minutes?
 - Start a week early
 - Winter term have finals Tues-Thursday and Monday of finals week a class day to make up for one of the missed days.
 - Matching OSU calendar: students live in OSU housing
 - No inservice days during the term
 - Inservice days M-W of Thanksgiving week and start a week early for fall
 - Would this be good or bad for students?

Related topics that came up:

- How much Prep time do we need? How much curriculum development is required?
- Student needs and faculty preferences can conflict
- Purpose of Inservice: Reflection, preparation and professional development

Side discussion on technology, fees for online students: future discussion item?