

Faculty Senate

3rd Meeting Fall 2018

Thurs. Nov. 8, 2018 12:30, Burrell 204

In Attendance: Carolyn Porter, Amy Russ, Linda Aiken, Shawn Lauffer, Vicki Todd, Susan Cain

Susan Cain called the meeting to order at 12:40, waiting while a few senators came in.

Issue brought forward re: *the policy for attendance*. Discussion ensued. While it is acknowledged that some students take advantage of the two consecutive week policy to turn in a minimal, sub-par amount of work as "attendance", it is also acknowledged that creating more policy to deal with that is unnecessary. The senators suggest:

- Adding language to the syllabus delineating exactly what level of work qualifies as attendance
- Collaboration with departmental deans in this process for support and back up if needed
- Sending emails prior that tell the student what is happening, what the consequences are, and how to fix it.
- Withdrawing the student and responding, as needed, to the student's concern

Sherry Fox, Librarian, gave the senators an excellent, brief demonstration of the new Library pages including:

- Demo of the main page which is customized and organized by course content
- Demo database access
- Demo of new features and links including clickable Faculty information pages

Second Issue brought forward: *How to prevent false sexual misconduct accusations of faculty by students*. Discussion ensued. Faculty senators present agreed to review this topic when more senators are present. For now, the senators suggest:

- No further official policy necessary. Rather, use best practices
- If there is a concern, do not meet in office but rather elsewhere on campus in the open
- Do not shut doors
- Do not meet after normal working hours
- Meet where there is visibility

Third Issue brought forward: *Low senator attendance at meetings*. Discussion ensued.

Senators present showed concern that there was not a quorum present at this meeting. IT was discussed that the time was chosen based on a Doodle Poll that indicated more people would be able to attend.

It was suggested that:

- Senators RSVP for meetings
- Suggest another Doodle Poll for Spring meeting times
- Post agenda with discussion topics to encourage interest/attendance

Susan moved to close the meeting and Carolyn seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30