

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 5.27.15

- Senators Present:** Please check Attendance list (Lynelle Weldon via Zoom)
- Senators Absent:** Please check Attendance list
- Welcome & Prayer** Nick Miller began the meeting with a brief devotion on the text in Isaiah 2 about the peoples of the world, coming to the mountain of the Lord, and how our colleges aptly fit that description. Left with a challenge to be intentional throughout our community on providing real, Christian service to all we contact. The devotional thought was concluded with prayer by Nick Miller.
- Minutes** **Voted;** The April 15, 2015 meeting minutes were accepted as approved (Carl Baily motion; 2nd: Brian Strayer)
- Faith & Learning Integration** Nick Miller shared an overview of the request presented to him by Dr. Lisa Beardsley of the GC regarding how faith and learning integration is happening on a graduate level. Upon discussion, it was voted to develop an Adhoc Committee to be propose terms of reference, focus, and other committee members from across campus to deal with faith integration issues at Andrews University, especially in the graduate school and distance Ed programs. The core of the committee will initially consist of:
- Janet Ledesma (School of Education)
 - Nick Miller (Seminary)
 - Lynelle Weldon (College of Arts and Sciences)
- (Motion: Rob Zdor; Second: Monique Pittman)
Motion was PASSED
- Review & Comments on “Shared Governance Document** Senators engaged in the process of reviewing and editing the “Shared Governance Document.” After a lengthy discussion, the attached documents reflects the sentiments of the shared body. In addition, it was **voted**, to form an Adhoc Committee to provide the senate response, and counter-proposal if appropriate, to the entire document, and to give an initial report back to the Senate by the Faculty Institute Senate meeting. **Voted**, to appoint the following committee members (Motion: Rachel Williams-Smith; 2nd: Brendon Cross)
- Heather Ferguson (School of Health Professions)
 - Brian Strayer (College of Arts & Sciences)
 - Brenden Cross (CAS)

- Katherine Koudelle (CAS)
- Lynelle Weldon (CAS)
- David Randall (CAS)
- Thomas Lowing (Architecture)
- Felix Cortez (Seminary)

Motion was PASSED

Race & Justice Committee Report

It was agreed to table committee composition until August 2015 when the 2015-16 Senate convenes.

School Level Academic Governance

A discussion ensued about School Level Academic Governance. Experiences of faculty input in the hiring process of school level appointments were discussed.

Voted, Faculty Senate Leadership to work with Beverly Sedlacek on trying to sort through the Nursing Dept. issue regarding the circumstances surrounding the recent chair election. Recommendation made that the Faculty Policy Committee should consider putting in the Working Policy that the search committee for chair and faculty selection have a majority representation of faculty from the Department where the new hire or position holder will reside.

Both recommendations adopted by consensus, with Lynelle Weldon given the lead role to work with the Nursing department on its chair issues.

Affirmation

Affirmation was expressed to all Senators for their commitment and service to our first Faculty Senate service year, with appreciation expressed to the leadership of the officer team.