

Assembly Minutes
Aug. 19, 2009
Fine Arts Center Auditorium, 10:24 a.m.

Call to Order

Dr. Marsha Clayton declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

Old Business

No old business was brought before the group.

New Business

Curriculum and Standards–Hal Liechty
Curriculum and Standards Committee Report

The curriculum and standards committee met twice during the summer semester to consider several proposals. The following proposals were approved.

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY CROSSETT

- BUS 1523 (Tech Machine Transcription) was deleted

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY MCGEHEE

- Two new Certificates (Correctional Law Enforcement Technical Certificate & Correctional Law Enforcement Certificate of Proficiency) were added to the curricula
- As a component of these Certificates the following courses were added: CLE 1xx3 Tech Correctional Enforcement in Arkansas CLE 1xx3 Tech Correctional Security and Control CLE 1xx2 Tech Correctional Health and Safety CLE 2xx3 Tech Survey of Correctional Inmates and Offenders CLE 2xx2 Tech Applied Ethics for Correctional Officers
- The following courses were deleted due to previous various changes in programs of study: BUSI 0023 Basic English BUSI 0033 Mathematics I BUSI 0113 Developmental Reading HOEC 1013 Tech Health, Safety, and Nutrition HOEC 1023 Tech Childcare Practicum I HOEC 2093 Tech Curriculum Development of Preschool
- The description, requirements, and prerequisites for The Practical Nursing-Technical Certificate were modified.

COMBINED COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY MCGEHEE & CROSSETT

- The Health Information Technology Technical Certificate was modified.
- Various non-credit courses that were once given for the community development that are not currently taught were deleted.
- MTH 1303 (Tech Mathematics), ECED 1013 (Child Development Associate Training I), ECED 1023 (Child Development Associate Training II), and ECED 1033 (Pre-School Practicum) which are no longer required for various programs of study were deleted.

Dr. Roy Cabaniss moved to approve, while Dr. Rick Clubb and Dr. Adam McKee seconded the motion. The curriculum and standards report unanimously passed.

New Business

A 15-page document was distributed to the Assembly detailing the proposed revisions to the Constitution; a one-page handout provided an overview of the revisions. Dr. Clayton said the goal of the revisions was to bring the Colleges of Technology into the faculty governance process. Some things had already been done on an ad hoc basis, while other things reflected current practices, e.g. minutes not only available in the library but also posted on the Web page. Also, outdated terminology was replaced with current terminology, e.g. a lot of references to departments were changed to reflect current designations of units, schools, divisions and colleges. In some cases, positions were renamed to make the document more flexible so the Constitution and bylaws will not be outdated with changes of titles. Other changes eliminated redundancies or made style issues consistent through the document, e.g. changing the number 5 to the word five.

Lori Selby made a motion to approve the Constitution and bylaw revisions. Scott Lykens and McKee jointly seconded the motion. Dr. Robert Moore opened discussion of Article 5, Section 1, by questioning the removal of language opening the Assembly to all members of the University community. Dr. Clayton said the elimination was due to redundancy; under the Freedom of Information Act, there was no need to state it explicitly. Also, the next statement (“Floor privileges are reserved for Assembly members”) implies non-Assembly members would be in attendance. Dr. Clayton reiterated that it was not an attempt to restrict attendance at Assembly meetings.

Dr. Moore turned attention to Article 6, Section 1, noting he was “nervous” about a changed requirement of a two-thirds affirmative vote of all Assembly members to a three-fourths affirmative vote of Assembly members present and voting to approve amendments to the Constitution. Dr. Clayton noted that previous attempts to revise the Constitution in 2004 to incorporate the colleges of technology were unsuccessful due to the lack of a quorum. She said it’s more difficult to get a quorum since some faculty do not come to meetings, more classes and labs are offered at night or in the late afternoon, and Assembly members from the Crossett and McGehee campuses must drive from longer distances. As proposed amendments have a 10-day circulation requirement via netlist, members can read the proposals before deciding if they want to come or not. Dr. Clayton said the intent was not to make it easier to pass amendments, but to make it more feasible. Dr. Moore said that it still would be possible to make amendments to the Constitution with a “very small handful of people voting.” Dr. Clayton said while it may be possible, those who feel strongly about a proposed amendment previously circulated through netlist would have ample opportunity to make plans to attend the meeting.

Dr. Clubb moved to call the question with Dr. McKee seconding. That motion passed. The motion to approve the revisions to the Constitution and bylaws passed with one dissenting vote.

Announcements

Dr. Clayton gave Chancellor Lassiter a baseball cap from Goobertown, Ark., after noting Trace Atkins wore a Goobertown T-shirt at a concert at the ASU Convocation Center. Sharon Walters, Associate Professor of the Division of Nursing, received a Goobertown T-shirt as a door prize for staying for the meeting.

Dr. Clayton also publicly thanked the members of the Committee to Revise the Constitution (Sherry Harris (Chair), Robert Stark, Vickey Haycox, Gregory Borse, Rick Clubb) and the Assembly Officers (Donna Hunnicutt, Scott Lykens, Rick Clubb) for all of their work.

Adjournment

Dr. Clubb made the motion for adjournment, which was seconded by acclamation. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.