Shared Governance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Minutes

The Shared Governance (SG) Committee meeting was held Tuesday, April 15, 2008 in the Administrative Conference Room 622. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by committee chair, Paxton Oliver. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Members present were Bob Cage, Ken Clow, Camille Currier, Susan Duggins, Gordon Harvey, Chip Holloway, Paul Karlowitz, Joe McGahan, Paxton Oliver, Pam Saulsberry, John Sutherlin, and Luke Thomas. Priscilla Turner recorded the meeting minutes.

Guest, Turner Steckline, Faculty Senate President, was also present for a period of the meeting.

Members absent but excused were Karen Briski, Robin Logan, and Denny Ryman.

- Guest, T. Steckline, President of the Faculty Senate, was given the opportunity to ask the committee questions concerning SG focus groups.
  - Were there specific focus groups conducted for Staff?
    - Yes. There were four sessions with a total of 69 staff attending these four sessions.
  - What was the attendance from each college?
    - P. Oliver will send the exact attendants from each college to T. Steckline soon.
    - Approximate percentages were as follows: College of Business – 25%, College of Arts & Sciences – 10%, College of Health Sciences – 42%, College of Education & Human Development – 25%, College of Pharmacy – 23%, and Staff – 28%
    - T. Steckline indicated that P. Oliver had sent the focus group questions to her as an after thought. P. Oliver denied that and explained that focus group questions were developed at the last minute and that T. Steckline got them soon after others did.

- Discussion followed on procedures for making public the focus group notes.

- What should be included in the online results of the focus groups?
  - There was a consensus of the committee that after grammatical corrections and deletion of identifying information are made to the raw data, all information from the focus groups should be made available. (Further discussion to occur at the next meeting).
- Prior to leaving, T. Steckline was told by most of the committee that her document would be placed with other focus group notes.

- Before T. Steckline's departure from the meeting she clarified that her document was the result of only three Senators' discussion and dialogue.

- At this point, T. Steckline had no remaining comments or questions and departed the meeting.

- P. Oliver asked, "Where are we at this point? What are our next steps?"

- President Cofer and Public Relations representative need to review documents before they are posted on the web.

- The committee discussed whether the Faculty Senate document submitted by T. Steckline, is a true focus group report. The committee felt it was not and would be more appropriate to post on the Faculty Senate website instead of the Shared Governance website … if the Senate wants it posted. However, an explanation must be given to the Faculty Senate on why the SG committee feels this way. (A Letter to the Faculty Senate President should be drafted and sent)

- After reviewing focus group responses, what does the committee see as first draft Primary Themes?
    - Communication – Better, Lack there of, etc.
    - Decision making without input
    - Management Style
    - Type of model, Elections, and length of term
    - Campus vote needed for SG model(s)
    - Is this an attempt to eliminate the Faculty Senate?

- The committee next discussed voting procedures.

- For the next meeting – review with President Cofer and the SG Committee posting of focus group comments on the web. Everyone should have determined primary themes. The committee should be ready to discuss results from focus groups and next steps.

Recorders were P. Turner and P. Oliver