

Minutes for the WHCL Academic Senate meeting on November 9, 2015
Room 209, 12:15-1:00

Membership: Tiffani Gonzales (Vice-President; Counseling), Rene Paredes (Secretary; Social Science), Jacqui Shehorn (Arts & Letters), Shawn Jackson (Math & Science), Rodney Ragsdale (Health & Wellness), Terry Davis (CTE), and Joel Rogers (President).

I. Opening:

- A. Call to order 12:16 pm
- B. In attendance: Joel Rogers, Jacqui Shehorn, Tiffani Gonzales, Rene Paredes, Rodney Ragsdale, Kurt Sterling and Maria Gonzalez are guests

II. Public Comments:

III. Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from meeting on 10-26-15 approved

IV. Action Items:

V. Discussion Items:

A. Senate president concerns: Joel apologized for not representing the faculty appropriately over the last year as senate president, such as not attending meetings. He understands why people are upset and some perceived that he was abusing release time but that is not true. His personal life has been a challenge the last few months and that has definitely been a factor in his missing meetings. He doesn't want to use that as an excuse, just an explanation. Joel checked the bi-laws and he can step down now or finish up his term and not run again.

Jacqui would like for the Senate reps to take this issue back to the learning areas for discussion and the representatives will bring back those results for further discussion and vote on November 23.

B. Flex Day, January 2016: Rene Paredes brought up Allen Fortune's idea for Fun Flipped Flex Day---Project based learning for faculty. Team building activities. Jacqui Shehorn brought up how boring and ineffective Flex Day is. Joel Rogers brought up that administration is considering trying to get Canvas discussed on Flex Day---Faculty said NO! Tiffani mentioned having Officer Giles or Terry Davis helping with a campus shooter/attacker scenario. Joel mentioned bring in the new president Clark to meet with us informally on Flex Day. Tiffani asked if Flex Day is for full-time faculty only. Joel said it was a full time faculty decision whether adjunct faculty may attend. Senate reps will ask learning area about adjunct faculty. Jacqui said that adjunct should be invited to learning area meetings but not necessarily Flex Day. Kurt suggested reworking the bi-laws at Flex, Jacqui suggested an hour to start. Tiffani said there are changes in financial aid that faculty need to be aware of.



C. Senate meeting schedule for Spring, 2016: Discussion about meetings every other Friday morning.

VI. Reports

- A. Senate President--Tabled
- B. Administrative Representative--Tabled

VII. Future Agenda Items

- Counselling report (11/9)
- Health & Wellness report (11/23)—Rodney reported that 6 nursing instructors are going to a conference. Kinesiology was approved for AS-T. They are considering adding officiating as a course or community education class. Program review is due for Kinesiology. Lottery dollars were received to improve the gym. Kent Olson is currently not serving on any committees.
- CTE report (12/7)

VII. Next Meeting

November 23, 2015

