

## **ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING May 13, 2011**

In attendance: Julia Norrgard, Chris Hall, Shawn Sturgeon, Edmond Muhaxheri, Mrika Kotorri, Richard Castleberry, Albina Balidemaj

### **I. Call to order**

JNorrgard opened the meeting by welcoming guests. Went over rules.

### **II. Last Meeting Minutes**

A correction is needed to "Comments by Academic Director Sturgeon" section, in the second paragraph. Instead of "by May 1st", it should be "by May 31st".

Motion to correct made by EMuhaxheri. SSturgeon seconded.

Motion carried.

Motions to approve the minutes by RCastleberry. Seconded by EMuhaxheri.

Motion carried.

### **III. Comments by Academic Director Sturgeon**

The following new courses are approved: Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, and Introduction to Philosophy. Also, several new math courses; College Algebra, Pre Calculus, Calculus for Business, and Discrete Mathematics.

A proposed policy on Nepotism was presented and will be addressed at the next meeting in August.

### **IV. Charter Amendment**

JNorrgard will circulate for comments before the next faculty meeting in August.

### **V. Policy Review**

**Assessment plan:** there is no need to approve, since it is an ongoing process.

**Retail Sales on Campus Policy:** RCastleberry reported that a meeting was held last week for junior enterprises, twenty students were involved. Companies are being formed and moving forward. There are a number of Professor Cosentino's students who have been working and are still working on this issue. The belief is there can be a good cooperation between management student and IT students.

JNorrgard commented that a general policy is needed. It does not have to be only IT and management; there can be also students from other departments.

RCastleberry will prepare a draft policy for review at the August meeting.

## **VI. New Business**

**Discussion of installing an ATM at AUK:** Student government might work on that.

### **AUK Website:**

**Renovation:** We need a renovation in the Website. Maybe we can form a committee, under Faculty Committee. RCastleberry assigned to form this committee.

**Move Academic Senate** section under **Faculty section**, instead of under “Academics, Research & Training”. This should be done during summer if possible.

**“What we are reading”** – A new section that should be added to AUK website where faculty, staff and even students can share what they are currently reading. A brief description of the book with the necessary bibliographic information would appear and the entries would form a series.

**Faculty Office Equipment:** JNorrsgard notes that the faculty office copier has not worked for over a month and the printers are frequently out of order. According to Leonard, the color copier may suffer from the use of non authorized inks and this will shorten its life as well as cause problems with it functioning. When ink cartridges run out, there are often week long delays in ordering new ones. Another problem is finding markers in classrooms. Further, whenever Hasan is not here, there is no one who can see to replacement of supplies. EMuhaxheri will send an e-mail to CHall. An annual planning might be done.

### **Students Being Able to Graduate without Having Passed Some Specific Courses:**

EMuhaxheri requests information regarding why how students can channel through the senior year without having passed freshman courses. ABalidemaj explains that the academic years are determined by credits, and not by courses taken. She mentions that there is no way to stop from taking courses out of order since the registration of courses goes through RIT. However, nobody can graduate without having completed Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. Some students have transferred courses from UP and Dukagjini, and from other internationally accredited schools, for which RIT has a list of accepted courses. According to Albina, a course to be fully accepted should be at least a C grade.

## **VIII. Discussion of :**

**STAR Radio Status** –SSturgeon notes concern that Star Radio is an automated form, which was done as a senior project. SSturgeon’s proposal is to turn it into a standard radio. Student government and Media Center can work together in order to make a variety of the shows, jazz music, use it more for public service and advertisement. To get it done, we need a license. It is a good way for students to finish their internships with the radio.

**Senior Projects** – SSturgeon explains that a major change is happening in the senior projects. Seniors will not have to do senior projects any more. Only students who want to graduate with honors will have

to do their senior projects. The projects will cover only one quarter. Students who have failed their senior projects this year will have to do it again, but only for one quarter.

**Discretionary Budget-** SSturgeon states that his office has helped to fund certain projects. AUK doesn't have a lot of money, so the decision was to fund **only** one activity per group, not more. The projects must have a definite learning component that is complementary to the overall university goals. There have been some very successful projects, such as the Tech Fair, the Trip to Albania, and the Career Fair. They set the standards, and they were very inclusive. These projects are useful to the students and they promoted the university to the public at the same time. Next year AUK will participate in the Innovation Festival. So, next year AUK will have the Innovation Festival here at the same time as RIT. We can get students, clubs, media, and parents and promote AUK.

**Cafeteria** – MKotorri suggested looking into the idea of having student involvement in running the cafeteria. Student would run some aspect, and the profits could be used for other students' activities. This would be a separate fast food operation in addition to the regular cafeteria fare.

Also, another possible idea is to have a shop on the AUK campus where students could sell things related to AUK, such as t-shirts, markers, pens, etc.

**Housekeeping:**

The Senate Election Day is to be held on the Friday of the first week of the Fall Quarter.

The August meeting will be scheduled for sometime in the last two weeks before the Fall Quarter starts. JNorrard will contact all members to determine an appropriate date.

Motion to adjourn made by RCastleberry. Seconded by EMuhaxheri.

Motion Carried.

**Meeting dismissed at 11:00.**