

Minutes: Fine Arts Department

September 16th, 2014

In Attendance: Carolyn Alexander, Shari Wasson, Ron Brown, Melissa Macias, Tom Butler, Craig Deines, Fatemeh Burnes, Dirk Hagner, Kirk Pedersen, Susie Rubenstein

Gallery Report: Fatemeh reviewed these items

- There is an opening for "The Way of Flesh 11," Thursday from 4:30-7:00 and a panel discussion on September 28th moderated by John Seed.
- Faculty Exhibit: The delivery dates are October 14-16 and the exhibit will be up from November 6th-December 4th, 2014.
- Next year the exhibits will be cut from 4 per year to 3.

Faculty Association Report: Shari Wasson reviewed items

- American Fidelity can't come to campus to meet with faculty regarding Dependent Eligibility Insurance, so PERS needs all verification submitted as hard copies. Faculty members would like to have a letter drafted to Lance Heard objecting to this change of options. Susie will draft the letter.
- CTA Strategic Budget Survey: All faculty are requested to fill out this survey that involves prioritizing budget areas, and can do that on the CTA website treasurer's page.
- All faculty in our department voted to send forward the MOU regarding rehire rights timeline for the evaluation process.
- Faculty need to submit survey questions by September 30th that they are interested in becoming items to negotiate for the upcoming contract.
- FA and district are considering interest based bargaining; if interested in participating, training would be required. Contact Lance Heard if interested.
- FA is inviting faculty to discuss the role of department chair. A task force will be established to discuss changing language to Appendix B.
- Two new members of the Parity Committee are Karelyn Hoover and Jeanne Marie Velickovic
- The contract will be available in print shortly.

Academic Senate Report: Shari Wasson reviewed items

- SLO Committee needs a member from Fine Arts. They meet on 1st and 3rd Tues. from 2:30-4:00
- POD has \$50,000.00 available for conference and travel
- BP 3700 which addresses the use of social media by the campus community will be voted on at the next Senate meeting.
- A report to the State Chancellor's Office addressing the Student Success and Support Program Plan has been drafted and will be voted on at the next Senate meeting.
- The Chancellor's office is backlogged on course approval by 3 months.

Other Information:

- Families of courses were rejected. Carolyn will meet with Michelle Grimes- Hillman to sort out problems
- Spring schedule has been submitted to Division and more classes will be offered than in the fall semester
- Extra supply money (\$27,000.00) was made available to the department and Carolyn will email a list of the items ordered. Faculty should review it to check for items still needed.
- Everyone should email Carolyn with a list of supplies we need including student worker hours requests.
- Department discussed sabbaticals and possibly putting a group of us together to learn more about application process and criteria for being awarded that time off.
- Ceramics clay area will probably get a canopy type roof. Plans for the covering were distributed.
- Fatemeh assembled a document that carries terminology from all disciplines, The Bookstore has agreed to carry the packet at a nominal cost to students which would help offset the cost of printing.

Emergency Procedures:

The department reviewed evacuation process, areas to go to, channels on the walkie-talkies, and personnel for specific jobs.

Instructional Equipment:

Fine Art Department received \$57,000.00 and discussed needs and priorities.

Ron Brown and Thomas Butler have redesigned the homepage of department's website. They demonstrated how to navigate, discussed copyright concerns, and requested faculty images, student images and release forms.

Meeting commenced at 4:30 and ended at 6:30.