

## Approval of Minutes

Report on the Shanklins: High attendance and overall success per the Professional Development Chair Michael

Theatre & Film Senator: University bookstore committee: General report on meeting and trying out an open source textbook for a marketing course.

Report from the Graduate Dean:

- Leadership and graduate students that need courses for the summer: students that needed the courses have had their issues resolved and the leadership has been handling them on a case on case basis.
- Late fee for summer courses due to a processing problem with graduate contracts...collecting the names and removing the fees for those students that have bee

Old business:

Motion to reopen the discussion of vote of no confidence of Dean Messer Kruse

All in favor 27

Opposed 6

Abstain: 1

Suspend vote until the Resolution of the graduate student senate s2011.r1 has been read to the graduate student body

All in favor: 32

Opposed:2

Abstain: 1

Read by the Vice President: David

Motion to submitted by David

Michael professional development chair: second

All in favor: 32

Opposed: 2

Abstain: 0

Discussion:

Question: David from Communication is concerned that the resolution is not strong enough.

Steve:

First step is to articulate the problems and if nothing is resolved then we move onto a vote of no confidence

Philosophy Senator:

What would the administration need to do in order for the GSS to be satisfied?

Steve: When graduate students feel like they are in engaged and not blindsided. We must list our issues.

JR: Collaboration and communication is critical.

Senator Biology graduate student association: Where will the resolution go?

David: The document will be forwarded to the new University President.

Math & Stats: Will this go to the BG News?

Steve: It will go the BG news as well.

Philosophy senator: Are we going to approach someone specifically?

Steve: Everyone will be approached and the articulation of our problems will be clear. If a resolution is not reached then a movement to no confidence will need to be discussed.

Philosophy Senator: What will be happening this summer with the graduate student senate regarding the upcoming changes?

Steve: President's Macey and the executive committee will be meeting this summer.

David: I will be here over the summer to help with the transitions this summer

Senator from Sociology: What is the timeline? What do we want to understand? What is the clear goal for next year?

Motion to close discussion:

Yes: 35

No: 0

Abs: 0

Motion to expedite Reading of the resolution:

35 yes

0: No

0: No

Paper ballot is being done for the resolution for 2 reasons:

- Record purposes
- Confidentiality

Vote:

Yes: 33

2 : Against

1 : Abstain

Resolution passes.

Reopen discussion of the no confidence vote against Dean Messer Kruse

Yes: 31

Against: 3

Abstain: 2

Motion to excuse the Dean from discussion

Yes: 9

No: 15

Abstain: 11

Dean then excused himself so the discussion could be open and honest.

Senator from Communications: David 's statement is bulleted below

- Support of no confidence of Dean Messer Kruse: His position in the charter. The Vote of no confidence:
- Failed to incorporate the shared governance: school media communications director was blindsided for the recommendation of closure and was not informed of the process
- Failed to keep the process transparency and failed to give justification of the closure and the data has not been released and the process was not transparent
- Failed to nourish the second most diverse program

- Failed to present the data that was used for recommended closure
- ½ of the faculty was not counted in the data
- Transparency
- Failure to promote a learning inclusive environment...hostile graduate environment and that is why the body should vote no confidence

If the department is being closed we can't wait for a vote: Senator from Popular Culture

Philosophy Senator: Strategically it might be better to wait.

Senator David Communication: Because the Dean failed to do his job the vote of no confidence needs to go forward.

Math & Stats Senator: Are we going after the right person?

Media & Communications: The confusion is who made the decision. Dean Messer Kruse has been inconsistent and when questioned he said he was not part of the decision making process.

David VP:

\*Not sure about the dates\* Closure Process:

Dean's provided recommendation April 12

Then off to the Provost April 14

Then to Kruse April 14

Then on the 15<sup>th</sup> it was given to the student body

Debate over if the Dean had discussions with the Deans; however program eliminations came directly from the Deans of each college

Popular Culture: Vote of no confidence and resolution go hand and hand and they are familiar with the displeasure

Jeff-Rep @ Large: Vote of no confidence and gives the opposite impression while the resolution is clear

Biology Graduate Student Assoc. Senator: Vote of no confidence in the decision process....

Math & Stats Senator: A vote of no confidence can only be done in one person

Abby: What is the Dean's position and have they seen the evidence prior to the closure?

David VP: Discussing the process of program closure and the timeline.

Motion to close discussion:

Yes: 33

No:2

Abstain: 0

Motion to allow the dean to offer counter arguments to the vote of no confidence:

Yes: 11

No: 13

Abstain: 9

Vote of No confidence in Dean Messer Kruse: paper ballot are issued

Yes:10

No: 24

Abstain: 1

Senate Bill 5: VP of Academic Affairs Pat Paulken

Effective Date: June 30

Campaign for a referendum

Faculty senate update and monitoring the events

Collectively bargaining contract will play out to the end

*Sorry Alice...I had to go...this was a lot harder than it appears!!!! I hope I did o.k. with everything..please correct me where you see fit.*