Faculty Council Minutes

May 1, 2017

Present: Brennan, Shipman, Cox, Alliband, Solie, Martin, Bishop, Compton

Absent: Cloud, Brauer

* Next meeting will be June 5.
	+ Future meetings are planned for July 10 and August 7.
* Faculty retreat will be on the Great Bend Campus on Wednesday, July 12.
* The faculty handbook has been sent to Elaine Simmons for review and editing.
* A policy letter with the recommendations of the faculty council has been suggested when the faculty council’s recommendation is requested on policy changes. There would be two options for voting and reasoning behind the choice.
	+ Faculty council supports this policy with comments
	+ Faculty council does not support this policy with comments

It may be possible to have a threaded discussion in the Faculty Councils Canvas shell so there can be a discussion regarding changes to any policies. Other faculty may be able to participate in the discussion.

* Fall Professional Development Days:
	+ Looking for possible topics
	+ A topic(s) should tie accreditation to the discussion
	+ Possible topics include: best practices, academic integrity, and open educational resources (OER).
* Faculty council would like to have a two-year budget.
	+ Provide funding for faculty or staff attending NISOD or HLC.
	+ Provide funding for professional development days.
* Mentoring program is a part of accreditation.
	+ A committee has been formed.
	+ Many new faculty could benefit from having a mentor.