**Academic Policies and Personnel Committee Meeting #6**

**Minutes**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013 (10:00-11:30 AM)

GL 835 & LIB 155 (VIDEO CONFERENCE)

**Members present:** Valerie George (Chair, Public Health, Adis Beesting (Secretary, Library)**,** Fred Blevens (Journalism), Oren Maxwell (CAS), Cliff Perry (Business), Sharon Simon (CHNS), Jan Osei Tutu (Law)

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. The Agenda was amended to include a discussion with a faculty member at the University of North Texas to item 6. Added Discussion regarding Curriculum Review mandated by BOG.

3. The minutes from 5th meeting on Feb 27, 2013 were approved without corrections.

4. Follow up discussion on request regarding campus security-Presentation from Law Enforcement scheduled for March 28, 2013 at the next Faculty Senate meeting. Committee members are invited to attend.

* Oren is a Faculty Senator and will be present at the presentation by the Chief of Police and report back to the Committee.

6. Feedback from Delano Gray regarding the existence of a faculty governance auditing instrument to evaluate issues about compliance of units to their constitution and bylaws.

* Delano reported that he discussed this issue with Tom Breslin and that a governance evaluation instrument exists. Valerie will follow up with Delano.
* Valerie received an email from J. Quinn at the University of North Texas inquiring about our governance process. Valerie forwarded the Faculty Senate Bylaws & Constitution.
* Discussion regarding impact of governance on administrative decision-making ensued.
* Valerie will contact J. Quinn to follow-up and address the role of faculty in University governance.

7. Update from the Law School on their governing process

* After discussion regarding the School’s governance documents, the Law faculty decided that their existing governance document is sufficient at this time.
* COM governance document discussions are pending.

Pending Issue: Proficiency of faculty in English Speaking-

Could there be faculty policies that can be modified to include conversational competence in English?

Who pays for these interventions?

What resources are available for TA/GA’s for assisting them with English language competency?

* Valerie will contact HR to get the hiring and appointment guidelines regarding English Proficiency for faculty, TA/GAs.

**New Business**

* Fred brought up concerns regarding the process by which faculty members are hired as Worlds Ahead Scholars.

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adis Beesting, Secretary