Minutes of the Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate: Jan. 20, 2015

Senators in attendance: Ashlee Claud, Elizabeth McCormick, Sandra Bond, Geoff White, Scott Bennett, Alix Guynn, John Leonard, Phil Crigger, Ed Oakes (Cabinet Liaison), Donna Spradlin, Laura Quesenberry

Senators unable to attend: Chad Wall, Dan Waidelich, Anthony Byrd, Loretta Estes, Lisa McDaniel

1. Welcome. Meeting started at 10:30. Minutes from the November 11 meeting were approved.
2. Elections for 2015-16: The following Senators’ seats are up for election: Loretta Estes and Donna Spradlin (Academic Affairs), Scott Bennett and Chad Wall (Executive), Phil Crigger (Finance & Administration), Ashlee Claud (Information Technology), Geoff White (Student Affairs), Sandra Bond (University Advancement), and Ed Oakes (Cabinet Liaison). Ashlee Claud cannot hold the President’s office any more so the new Senate will need to elect a new President.
3. Response to Student Government Association’s resolution: Claud met with the SGA; they appreciated our work. There was some resistance because they weren’t the group that wrote the original proposal but they are willing to work on a step-by-step plan rather than one that calls for all-at-once.
4. Work-Life Balance: Task Force among the three Senates has been created. Claud spoke with Kara Hall, the President of the Staff Senate. The Teaching & Research Faculty Senate’s President is on sabbatical so that Senate has a new President who might not be able to stay in office. Please remember the Highlander Polar Plunge during alumni weekend; it’s on Saturday, Feb. 28.
5. Next meeting: Feb. 17 at 10:30 in the Bonnie Combo Room.