Faculty Senate Agenda

Friday April 8th 2016

I. Dr. Kays address faculty senate - Updating us after 2 months in office
   i. Do have auditors that work with us and the first thing they consider is integrity. Your audit is only as good at the auditor. The board plays the role of internal auditor. As she because more integrated with Kilgore, she will also serve as internal auditor.
   ii. Finally able to print this years budget. Currently we are on track a few accounts over and some under. The revenues are not as they were estimated.
   iii. Talks for next year’s budget are in talks. Fist estimates in May and later figures come in June. State budget is set so waiting on current property taxes. Not planning on an increase in enrollment. Board approved tuition increase. Early investigations are predicting a loss in tax revenue.
   iv. Dr. Kays had a sit down with the Longview New Journal requesting that they get the information correct even if that means contacting her directly.
   v. We need to update the network. Looking at $1.8 Million to do this over the course of 3 years.
   vi. Need a 3 year vision and would like to have a grant writer on staff to work on 4th revenue stream.
   vii. Do not have money for raises in the coming year. The new hires should expect to be on a different pay scale.
viii. Dr. Kays would like to see a good number of classes going to OER or OS to lower the cost to students and draw them in. If courses cannot find material that works for them, they will not be required to use OER or OS.

ix. Dr. Kays will look into a Student friendly Help Desk

x. Dr. Kays is aware of the ES building issue. They are trying to figure out what to do next.

xi. All the programs will be up for review. She wants a new review format. One that will not just consider revenue.