
The meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved, as amended.

1. Dr Templin addressed the Senate regarding the budget cuts mandated by the state government. He indicated that the College is in a very strong financial position, but that contingency plans will be implemented to ensure that further budget cuts do not negatively affect College operations. Currently approved budget will be unaffected.

2. It was announced that the Committee on Committees will begin an analysis of the current committee formulas, with the goal of restructuring them for greater efficiency.

3. It was announced that, henceforth, the Senate will make committee assignments at the conclusion of the spring semester, rather than at the start of the fall semester.

4. Several topics were discussed, but not put forward as motions:
   
   a. The 15-week semester proposal passed by the previous Senate is to be refined and submitted to John Dever.
b. The Senate is considering proposing a change to the pay schedule of adjunct faculty. This item was sent to

the Personnel Services Committee for further discussion and the request to report back to the Senate.

c. A suggestion was made that the Senate sponsor a professional blog for members of the NVCC community. Laura Noell will research the process and report back at the next Senate meeting.

d. Dr. Ray Bailey described the activities of the Committee for Environmentally-Friendly Construction, including the statement of “green” principles it authored and which, with minor changes, was adopted by the President and Administrative Council for implementation at NOVA.

5. The Committee on Committees put forward nominations for committee assignments. Those nominations were approved as recommended. The members of those committees will be listed on the Senate web site.

6. A motion was made to submit to the Commencement Committee a document recommending changes to the commencement ceremonies. The motion passed, and will be sent to Dr. Dever. That resolution is posted on the Senate web site at College Senate Recommendation on Commencement Exercises.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.