

Academic Assembly
February 7, 2011
1:30-3:30pm, STCN 130

MINUTES

Present: Karen Feldt, John Strait, Francisco Guerrero, Kristen Shuyler, Katherine Raichle, Allison Henrich, Mark Maddox, Rob Rutherford, Mary Graham, Jeremy Stringer, Chips Chipalkatti, Sonora Jha, Maryann Bozzette, Mary Rose Bumpus, Brenda Broussard, Chuck Lawrence, William Kangas, Isiaah Crawford, Jason Wirth, Jacquelyn Miller, John Weaver, Vinay Datar, Jacqueline Goade.

Guests: Nalini Iyer (*Associate Professor, College of Arts & Sciences*), Vicky Minderhout (*Professor, Chemistry*), Jeff Philpott (*Assistant Professor, College of Arts & Sciences*), Greg Prussia (*Professor, Albers School of Business*), Ron Smith (*VP for Finance & Business Affairs*), Sean McDowell (*Associate Professor, English*), Bradley Scharf (*Professor & Chair, Political Science*), Steen Halling (*Professor, Psychology*), John Bean (*Professor, English*)

- k. Process of the Core Revision team: survey from faculty, nod from Academic Assembly, then determine what they need at that point. Then, it will go to the Provost for review and, finally, the Board of Trustees has the final vote on the new Core curriculum.
- l. This has been a faculty generated process all along – a lot of input has been received and is being heard.

4. Mandatory Direct Deposit Proposal (Ron Smith & Kim Crewey)

- a. Direct deposit increases the efficiency of the institution and of the Payroll office. It is much more convenient to use electronic processing. This is in line with the university's sustainability efforts.
- b. There are significant cost savings by using direct deposit (\$6.50 per check).
- c. There are 100-125 manual checks written each pay period.
- d. Resistance to direct deposit has included being wary of banking institutions, not wanting to share personal information, and having trouble getting/qualifying for a bank account.
- e. If an employee does not have a checking account, there are options through US Bank to accommodate the individual. US Bank also has an excel pay program option, which acts like a cash debit card for individuals.
- f. Future goals: to create a mandatory direct deposit policy for reimbursements *and*

increase.