

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

EAB 253/262 3:00 – 4:45 PM

G. Renz, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

I. Announcements

- A. Fall Faculty Institute is September 30th and October 1st. (T. Reilly)
- B. Due to low RSVPs to the Faculty Social, the event may be cancelled. A reminder email is going out on September 20th, 2016. (T. Reilly)
- C. The 9th Annual Human Rights Conference will occur on September 28th in the East Academic Building. (T. Reilly)
- D. Curriculum Committee announced that any changes for the next academic year (2017-2018) must be submitted by October 28th, 2016 in order to be considered. The next Curriculum Committee meeting will take place on October 4th, 2016
- E. New full-time faculty and Senate members were introduced.

II. Adobe Suites Presentation

Jill Gray, Adobe Customer Success Manager, presented to the Assembly a brief overview of Webster University's partnership with Adobe and the Adobe products that all faculty, staff, and students will have access to during the three year agreement. Webster University is one of ten elite education accounts in the Midwest, and allows those at Webster University an advantage over other educational institutes. As listed below:

- A. Adobe Creative, Documents, and Marketing Clouds are included in the agreement and will be accessible for all at Webster University, not just the St. Louis campus.
- B. Adobe Creative Suite aligns with Webster University's student outcomes and provides students with management experience and engagement which is intended to last post college graduation.
- C. Work from home privileges will be extended to faculty and staff via Adobe Cloud services for a small fee.
- D. In the first year Adobe plans to roll out at least 10% of its services to Webster University. In the second year Adobe plans to increase usage of its services to 25% and by the third year Adobe projects 100% of its services to be available to Webster University.

III. Report from Provost Julian Schuster

- A. Provost Julian Schuster introduced Dr. Ana Karaman, the new Chief Financial Officer.
- B. Enrollments are similar to the previous academic year; undergraduate enrollments exceeded budget, but graduate enrollment is still in decline. International enrollments continued to grow; while military and metro campuses are declining.
- C. The average ACT score of incoming students has increased to an average of 24.65.
- D. Enrollments for first generation minority students is up 2.63%.
- E. The Leigh Gerding College of Fine Arts has its highest enrollments in the past five years.
- F. On July 22nd, 2016 – Student Affairs and Enrollment Management re-combined into one department and will begin a special outreach to 75,000 sophomores and juniors in high school to attend Webster University.

- G. 1/3 of flat-fee undergraduate students study at an international campus.
- H. All campuses assessed for safety and security by Rick Gerger, Director of Public Safety Office

IV. Floor Opened for Questions and Discussion

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.