

# **Faculty Assembly**

## **September 13, 2011**

### **Library Conference Room**

Ralph Olliges, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order.

Ralph Olliges reminded all present about the faculty social this Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. He also reminded everyone about the dates for the Fall Institute (November 18 & 19) and asked that faculty be sure to return their reservation form.

Ralph Olliges announced that a Grantsmanship website has been developed that provides resources to external grant funding. He stated that he would e-mail the website link to the Faculty Assembly member's list.

#### **Wellness Committee**

Jenny Broeder and Troy Luh, members of the Wellness Committee, gave an update. Troy served on the Insurance Committee and based on the history of that committee, the Wellness Committee was formed and funded by Webster. The Wellness Committee would like to bring awareness to and encourage faculty to make health and life changes in order to keep insurance premiums at a lower rate. Due to increasing health care costs, if changes do not occur, hard choices will have to be made with regard to insurance. Jenny and Troy reminded and encouraged faculty to complete the personal health assessment that is available through United Health Care's website – [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com). It was mentioned that generic drug usage as well as requesting drugs via mail order can make a big difference cost wise. They also announced the Webster Wellness Kickoff scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> outside Marletto's. There will be a drawing to win a free chair massage, snacks and more.

A question was asked as to why faculty are self insured and the response was that if they had stayed with the same company instead of becoming self insured, the company wanted to increase rates by 60 percent. It was also asked if it would be possible to receive discounts for gym membership, YMCA membership, etc. Jenny responded by asking that all ideas such as the aforementioned be sent to the Webster Wellness Committee for possible consideration.

#### **Curriculum Committee**

Barrett Baebler announced that for 2012-2013 the Curriculum Committee is making the process of making changes and modifications to undergraduate courses easier and more efficient by providing online access to the various forms. He reminded the assembly of the November 29<sup>th</sup> deadline but stated that they will accept submissions through January 31<sup>st</sup>. He shared the current member list of the Curriculum Committee and directed everyone to the Curriculum Committee website under Academic Affairs for further information.

#### **GCP Update**

Stephanie Schroeder, Chair of the GCPC, gave a presentation and update of the work that has been completed to date. She shared the mission, program goals, charge, purposeful pathways, list of committee members of the GCPC, timeline for implementation, course proposal forms, sample rubric and discussed the summer collaboratory that was held in July.

Stephanie Schroeder announced that Bruce Umbaugh has been designated as the Director of the GCPC. Someone wanted to know the difference between the Director and Chair. The Chair sets up and runs the meetings and the Director provides guidance wherever it is needed.

New courses must be submitted to the Curriculum Committee for approval and are then sent to the GCPC. Only existing approved courses in the 2011-2012 Undergraduate catalog can be submitted directly to the GCPC.

Concern was voiced over multiple coding of courses and it was stated that multiple coding was not part of the original GCP document and it would create the same mess that everyone is experiencing now when advising. Response was given that the HLC will not be that selective and that as long as we can justify what we are doing, HLC will not have a problem. [In reviewing the GCP Program document that was passed by the Faculty Assembly as amended on April 27, 2011, it states “All courses used to fulfill these breadth requirements outlined above must show evidence of promise that they cultivate one of the skills.....”]

A question was asked regarding courses that are offered abroad and, when assessing those courses since that assessment process needs to be the same everywhere, is there standard assessment technology in place or available? School of Education is currently implementing TK20 assessment software both in St. Louis as well as at extended campuses.

There was much concern voiced regarding the process of assessment – Stephanie explained that each year the Department Chair would complete a brief (two-page maximum) assessment form per GCP course that documents assessment. There is a tremendous amount of freedom per course section with regard to assessment.

Question was asked as to whether departments have a limitation on the number of courses they can submit? Stephanie stated that the GCPC would like to see more than eight, but less than the 475 that we currently have.

The Faculty Assembly adjourned at 4:00 p.m.