

**Faculty Senate Meeting
January 24, 2013**

Ralph Olliges, Faculty senate President, Presiding

Members Present: Glen Bauer, Mary Bevel, Juraj Bohus, Susan Heady, Don Conway-Long, Victoria McMullen, Stephanie Schroeder, J.P. Palmer-Schuyler, Marty Smith, Xiaoyuan Suo, Emily Thompson, Carole Tucker, Gwyneth Williams

Announcements

Ralph thanked the Senate for the flowers sent to the funeral home for his father's wake.

Ralph reported that there was a Board of Trustee meeting this morning and a 5% budget cut, across the board, is now in effect. The reduction is for 5% of the general expense budget for all budget lines except non-discretionary expenses (salary lines and utilities). We are all encouraged to minimize travel and entertainment expenses. Deferred maintenance will be delayed until next fiscal year. We all share in the successes of Webster University as well as the challenges. Our five largest metro campuses, Northern Orlando, Southern Orlando, Columbia, Charleston and Kansas City have not made enrollments.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 17th Faculty Senate meeting minutes with changes. With the exception of two abstentions, all were in favor; motion carried. Due to the substantial number of changes, they will be sent out once again for approval.

Nurse Anesthesia Program

Jill Stulce joined the Senate meeting to present a revised proposal for the Department of Nurse Anesthesia.

Professor Stulce reported that two full-time faculty who currently teach in the Nurse Anesthesia Program will continue to have their Primary Appointment in the Department of Biological Sciences. Voting responsibilities as well as faculty review will remain in the Biological Sciences Department. Collaboration will continue between both departments. The intention is to roll out a Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia Practice within the next two years. University policy and CRF guidelines will be adhered to. Jill is requesting Faculty Senate endorsement of the proposal.

A senator, commented that no other costs incurred should be changed to no additional monies are immediately anticipated.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the proposal to create the Department of Nurse Anesthesia. All were in favor; motion carried.

This item will be added to the agenda for the February 12th Faculty Assembly meeting.

GCPC

Dani MacCartney joined the Senate meeting on behalf of the GCPC to request the addition of two individuals as ex-officio members to its rolls.

Dani reported that the GCPC wants to add an at-large student representative and an at-large student affairs representative to include more student voice similar to other committees on campus. The perspectives offered by these non-voting committee members will provide meaningful direction in the planning and assessing of the GCP.

A senator commented that ex-officio does not mean non-voting. The proposal would need to be amended to say non-voting member.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal, with proviso that ex-officio is changed to non-voting member, to add one at-large student representative and one representative from Student Affairs to the GCPC. All were in favor; motion carried.

Vienna Governance

Gwyneth Williams informed the Senate that herself, Ralph, Dottie Marshall-Englis and Jim Brasfield have a meeting scheduled for Monday to discuss the series of emails regarding Vienna faculty governance. After receiving an email from Peter Sunley, which clarified the election process, it indicated that there was a bigger participation than Arthur Hirsch had related. Gwyneth also received an email from another Vienna faculty member essentially expressing the same issues that Peter has conveyed.

Gwyneth and Ralph will share their conversation with Arthur Hirsch at a later Senate Meeting.

Spring Institute

Marty scheduled a meeting with the committee members on Friday February 1st at noon, location to be determined.

Formation of Department of Professional Counseling

Mike Hulsizer, Hemla Singaravelu, Stacy Henning and John Clements joined the Senate meeting to present a proposal for the Formation of the Department of Professional Counseling effective June 1, 2013.

Mike Hulsizer reported that the Counseling MA has grown and evolved into one of the largest programs. The Behavioral and Social Sciences (BASS) Chair cannot attend to the needs of all programs equally. Counseling has evolved into a professional program very different from the disciplines currently in BASS and over the past decade accreditation has become increasingly important. Health care providers are increasingly requiring professionals graduate from a CACREP accredited program. The formation of a new Department of Professional Counseling would greatly enhance our ability to become CACREP accredited and meet the needs of our students, faculty and staff at all of our campuses.

Mike Hulsizer said that the new department would initially house 6 full-time faculty members. Hemla Singaravelu will serve as chairperson of the new department within the College of Arts and Sciences. She is currently the Counseling Program Director and has been attending College Chair meetings. The Counseling Program has already been operating as a separate entity with its own support staff and curricular decisions handled by the counseling faculty. BASS has already shared a budget split with academic affairs in anticipation of the departmentalization. Mike is requesting Senate endorsement for the Department of Professional Counseling effective June 1, 2013.

It was reported that the Provost and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences are very supportive of this happening.

A senator commented that accreditation for school counseling is the purview of the School of Education as determined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The School of Education is accredited by NCATE and DESE. Therefore, it is essential that for any school counseling program, this new department will need to work with the School of Education. Mike Hulsizer stated that Debbie Stiles, from the School of Education, has been working with them.

A motion was made and seconded to accept to endorse the proposal to create the Department of Professional Counseling. All were in favor; motion carried.

Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies

Kelly-Kate Pease joined the Senate meeting to present the proposal for the Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies be recognized as its own Academic Unit.

Kelly-Kate Pease reported the Institution would be department like. It will have 12 full-time faculty. The BA in International Human Rights will move to the Institution. This will promote an interdisciplinary human rights dialogue among faculty, staff, and students relating to human rights and humanitarian affairs. She reported that the Provost and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences are in full support of any reasonable proposal to house human rights. The Institute Fellows and the Department of Philosophy requested a formal vote which passed unanimously within the College to become an Academic Unit.

A senator made a suggestion to include in the proposal that compensation should be at a minimum equivalent to other department chairs. The proposal was amended to reflect this change.

Q. Are all Fellows in the Department of Arts and Sciences?

A. No, Fellows can come from any campus, department or member of the faculty, who have demonstrated expertise in international human rights and humanitarian studies.

Q. Does this need to be taken to the Faculty Assembly?

A. A senator felt that since it involved moving the BA it is necessary to go to the Assembly. If this is going to set a precedent or become a model, the Assembly should be involved.

A motion was made and seconded to recognize the Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies as its own Academic Unit. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to take the proposal to the Faculty Assembly. With the exception of two abstentions, all were in favor; motion carried.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.