

MINUTES/FACULTY SENATE MEETING

June 16, 2011

The Senate met on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at the Alumni House

Ralph Olliges, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Glen Bauer, Carla Colletti, Susan Heady, Scott Jensen, John Orr, Stephanie Schroeder, Marty Smith, Eileen Solomon, Roy Tamashiro, Keith Welsh

Moment of Silence

Ralph asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Anna Barbara Sakurai, a former FEC Chair.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 28th Senate meeting were approved. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

The minutes from the May 12th Senate meeting were approved. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. All were in favor, motion carried.

Announcements

Ralph reported that President Stroble was in Chicago yesterday for the Indonesian Consul along with 75 others. Next week the Austrian Consul will be in St. Louis and Ralph has been invited to lunch and to speak to the group.

Next week, the interviews begin for the University Secretary to the Board of Trustees position. Keith asked if a position description was available and Ralph stated he would obtain a copy.

Ralph will invite President Stroble to speak at one of the September meetings, if her schedule will allow.

Committee Appointments

- Multicultural Studies – Ginny Altrogge
- Women's Studies – Diane Cooper and Martina Steed
- CRF – Dian Davitt appointed to fill out term for Linda Woolf who is on leave for 2011-2012
- Civil Rights – Roy Johnson (adjunct) reappointed
- ISC – Lara Teeter
- IRB – J.P. Palmer-Schuyler, Susan Seymour, Barbara Wehling
- Accessibility – Vicki McMullen
- Speaker's – David Clewell, Trent Patterson

Motion was made and seconded to accept the committee appointments. All were in favor; motion carried.

Appointment of Adjunct Faculty to Faculty Assembly

There are roughly 186 – 193 full-time faculty and by appointing up to 19 adjunct faculty to the Faculty Assembly this would admit a number equivalent to ten percent of the full-time faculty membership. The adjunct faculty appointed would serve a two-year term. Adjunct faculty who are not teaching this year will be contacted by email encouraging them to still serve on the Faculty Assembly. A suggestion was made to contact the Dean and Department Chairs of the College of Fine Arts and ask them to recruit a couple of adjunct faculty to be appointed since we have no adjuncts representing Fine Arts. It was suggested to make sure that the appointed adjuncts actually show up to the Faculty Assembly meetings. Motion was made and seconded to accept the appointment of the 15 adjunct faculty to the Faculty Assembly. All were in favor; motion carried.

University Handbook Language for CRF Review of Senior Administrators

Several years ago, there was a situation where the President asked, when hiring a new Provost, if that individual could be offered academic status or tenure upon hire. The Faculty Senate met and agreed to a procedure, but the procedure was never adopted or put into the University Handbook. The CRF has asked the Senate to review a draft of the Faculty Status Review Procedure for Senior Academic Administrator candidates. The Senate agrees that the language needs to be included in the University Handbook. Several wording amendments were suggested to the draft document. A motion was made and seconded to accept the document as amended for inclusion in the University Handbook. All were in favor, motion carried.

CRF Proposed Initial Status Review Procedure Language Modification

The existing University Handbook language dates back to at least 1996 and is not currently being complied with. The way it is worded could cause difficulty for faculty seeking their initial status or tenure review. This language was originally created so that there would not be an overage of tenure or status faculty. The second sentence of the current language needs to be deleted and reads: "With the contract for the third year full-time faculty members must notify, in writing, their chairpersons, the Chairperson of the CRF, and the President of the Faculty Senate, and the appropriate dean(s) of the continuing status option (Tenure or FDL) they intend to exercise." A motion was made and seconded to delete the second sentence of the current language. All were in favor; motion carried.

Spring 2011 Faculty Institute

The results of the Spring 2011 Faculty Institute evaluation were shared with the group.

Fall 2011 Faculty Institute

Topics for the Fall Institute were discussed and it was decided that the topic would be Faculty Showcase. Faculty Showcase is a lighter topic and is needed. Need to take a fresh look at future institutes and brainstorm ideas.

Update on GCP Committee Work

GCP Implementation Committee has met three times. Stephanie shared a handout that shows the staggered terms of each committee member for the next three years. The committee put forward Bruce Umbaugh's name for Director, but have not yet received a response from Julian. Stephanie Schroeder has been named as the Chair of the Committee. The committee is working on handbook language, the course approval process, assessment, and a GCP website. Stephanie commended Barrett Baebler for his help with the course approval process. The GCP website will have definitions, rubrics, minutes and any other pertinent GCP information listed. A change was recommended to the University Handbook language concerning GCPC. Stephanie stated she will make the change to the University Handbook language and present it at the July Faculty Senate meeting.

Messing Award

Very brief exchange on the Messing Award and it being awarded by peer review. Jim Staley facilitated the process and the Senate president nominated the review committee, but neither served on it.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.