

MINUTES/FACULTY SENATE MEETING

July 28, 2011

The Senate met on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at the Alumni House

Ralph Olliges, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Glen Bauer, Mary Bevel, Carla Colletti, Susan Heady, Dan Hellinger, Scott Jensen, John Orr, Marty Smith, Eileen Solomon, Roy Tamashiro, Gwyneth Williams

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 16th Faculty Senate meeting were approved. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

Announcements

Ralph gave a report on the Administrative Council meetings for the summer – they have mainly consisted of enrollment reports, construction updates, IT reports. He did mention that there was discussion about Webster University being on the Great Colleges to Work For list for 2011. Webster has made the list all four years that the list has been in existence. Webster did well in the faculty categories – teaching environment and tenure clarity and process.

It was stated that we need another member for the Salary and Fringe Benefit Committee. The group was given a copy of the committee list as it stands now. An individual from School of Communications or School of Education is needed.

A question was asked for Ralph to look into – when the Mercer Study went through, those that were not at the minimum for the spring, were to receive an adjustment in the summer? A Senator stated that it was understood, for new contracts coming up, those not at the minimum were to receive an adjustment to get that individual to the minimum. Question was asked about years of service adjustment and it was stated that years of service adjustments are supposed to be on this year's contract.

Ralph invited President Stroble to speak to the Faculty Senate at one of the September meetings. The exact date will be announced later.

Committee Appointments

Motion was made and seconded to accept Maggi Dueker, adjunct faculty from the Department of Dance, to a two-year term on the Faculty Assembly. All were in favor; motion carried.

Update on GCP Committee Work

The GCPC updated charge was shared with the Senate and it is being requested that the charge language be put into the University Handbook. The charge was adjusted by the GCPC based on the recommendations made at the June 16th Faculty Senate meeting. There was much discussion regarding curriculum proposal procedures and it was felt that the University Handbook language needs to be the basis for the curriculum proposal form.

A motion was made and seconded concerning item #2 of the GCPC charge as amended; all were in favor, motion carried. Item #2 needs to be amended to read: The GCPC shall approve the inclusion of courses in the Global Citizenship Program. In the case of denial of a proposed course, the GCPC shall provide a rationale for the decision. Academic departments, programs, and/or Senate-approved committees may submit proposals for the inclusion of courses in the GCP to the GCPC. All decisions of the GCPC are subject to the review, ratification, and rescission authority of the Faculty Assembly.

A motion was made and seconded concerning item #3 of the GCPC charge as amended; all were in favor, motion carried. Item #3 needs to be amended to read: The GCPC may remove existing courses from the Global Citizenship Program. In such cases, the GCPC shall notify the respective department or program chair in advance, and shall outline the rationale for the deletion.

A motion was made and seconded concerning item #8 of the GCPC charge as amended; all were in favor, motion carried. Item #8 needs to be amended to read: The GCPC shall solicit candidates from among the faculty of the University and send recommendations to the Provost, who shall make the final appointment.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the GCPC charge document with amendments; all were in favor, motion carried.

University Handbook Language for Faculty Status Review Procedure for Candidates for Senior Academic Administrators

It is felt that the language for this item needs to be reworked and it will then be brought back to the September 1st Faculty Senate meeting.

Proposed University Handbook Language for Department Name Changes and Similar Modifications

It is felt that the language for this item needs to be reworked and it will then be brought back to the September 1st Faculty Senate meeting.

Fall 2011 Faculty Institute

Glen reminded those present of the change of date for the Fall 2011 Faculty Institute from October 7th & 8th to November 18th & 19th. The program will be Faculty Showcase and Trent Patterson is working with a group of students who will sing and give a musical presentation.

A suggestion was made to Ralph to get Department Chairs together at least once a semester for a luncheon meeting. This had been done in the past and somehow it fell to the wayside. It was felt that this is a good idea to start up once again.

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