

Faculty Senate Meeting
April 9, 2015

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Ginny Altrogge, Jef Awada, Larry Baden, Glen Bauer, Don Conway-Long, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Ted Green, Ryan Groeneman, Terri Reilly, Chris Sagovac, Joe Schuster, Eileen Solomon, Keith Welsh, Phyllis Wilkinson

I. Report on School of Education Program Moves

There was an issue of whether or not the doctoral program was included with the other two programs (MAT degrees in Elementary Education, Middle School Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education) in the move to the CARE Department. The doctoral program was included in the proposal that Dean Fyfe presented to the Senate for a vote. Ralph Olliges will be sending a formal letter to the Senate stating that he does not oppose moving the doctoral program to the CARE Department along with the other two master's programs.

II. Agenda for April 14th Faculty Assembly

Extraordinary Merit Proposal

Thailand Report – Provost Schuster and Joe Stimpfl

III. Global Student Leadership Summit Report

Gwyneth shared the Global Student Leadership Summit Report with the Senate. This report came directly from the students that participated in the Leadership Summit. The Senate discussed the part of the report dealing with academic consistency across campuses. Gwyneth will send the report to faculty.

IV. Fall Institute

The 2015 Fall Institute was discussed as the date is earlier this year (October 2 & 3, 2015). A vote was taken to decide the topic for the institute and the topic will be Faculty Showcase.

Dates are being determined for the 2016 Fall Institute.

V. Adjunct Vote

The National Labor Relations Board regulates employee labor rules. Once a vote is taken to form an adjunct union, the university cannot do anything seen as trying to coerce the vote (bribes/threats). The Senate's work on contingent faculty has been halted for now.

It was stated that some information circulating within the University is incorrect. The correct formula for union dues is 2.5 percent of gross salary and no dues to be paid when not teaching a semester.

VI. Dispute Resolution Committee

A discussion took place regarding the Senate appointment of faculty to the Dispute Resolution Committee. Senators will forward faculty names to Gwyneth for possible appointment.

VII. Vice President of Faculty Senate

A motion was made and seconded to elect John Aleshunas as the Vice President of Faculty Senate for 2015-2016. All were in favor; motion carried.

VIII. Thailand Report (Provost Schuster, Kit Jenkins, Dani MacCartney)

Provost Schuster, Kit Jenkins and Dani MacCartney were invited to discuss the Thailand Report with the Faculty Senate. The final report on Thailand will be released tomorrow. There was a consensus on the committee with regard to the final report. Jenkins and MacCarthy said it was a very collaborative process and the entire task force was in agreement with the final document.

Provost Schuster thanked the task force for their work and countless hours gathering data, discussing that data, and compiling the final report. The executive summary and report have been released to the general public.

The final report examined the following areas:

- Campus Facilities in Bangkok and Cha-am
- Student Housing
- Safety
- Financial Matters
- Student Affairs and Student Life Services
- Student Academic Support and Other Student Services
- Academics and Thai Accreditation
- Communications

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.