

Faculty Senate meeting

April 28, 2016

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Cheryl Breig-Allen, Jef Awada, Larry Baden, Glen Bauer, Don Conway-Long, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Ryan Groeneman, Tori Meyer, Terri Reilly, Hemla Singaravelu, Marty Smith, Emily Thompson, Ece Tuncel, Phyllis Wilkinson

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. Senate Meeting minutes for Feb 11 – approve as amended. Approved by unanimous consent.
- b. Senate Meeting minutes for Feb 18 – approved as amended. Approved by unanimous consent.
- c. Senate Meeting minutes for Mar 3 – approved as amended. Approved by unanimous consent.
- d. Senate Meeting minutes for Mar 17 – Approved by unanimous consent.

II. Announcements

The Senate will meet next week, 5 May. We will possibly meet on Monday, 16 May from 10 am – 12 pm if needed

III. Handbook numbering revision

Last summer DeLyle Bowen, who handles the logistics of Handbook publication, went through the Handbook and renumbered the content. John reviewed this content, revised the paragraph numbering and sent it to all of the Senate for review. Recently, DeLyle called and asked if she could go ahead and apply John's changes to the current Handbook. A motion was made to approve this renumbering of the Handbook. The Senate approved the motion.

IV. International Campus Report - Peter Maher

Peter Maher presented international campus enrollment reports to the Board of Trustees and Academic Affairs meetings. Julian suggested that Peter Maher attend a Senate meeting and give the same presentation. The tables in this presentation and more information are available on the Office of Institutional Effectiveness website. Interested faculty will need to call them to get a login for access to this resource.

Overall headcount at international campuses is down by approx. 5% however the credit hours have actually gone up. Fewer students are taking more courses.

Geneva – The undergraduate enrollment level has been stable the past two years. Geneva currently seems to be the most popular study abroad campus. This summer we are expecting more students taking more credit hours.

Vienna – In Vienna, the undergraduate enrollment has gone up in the last two

years. Currently, there are 520 graduate and undergraduate students in Vienna. It is the largest international campus.

Ghana – Ghana currently is offering graduate and undergraduate degree programs in international relations, media, and communications.

Greece – Webster is still seeking final accreditation in Athens. One aspect impacting this effort is the programs offered on campus. The other aspect is the campus facilities. There are questions whether the facilities can support the programs we want to offer.

Oxford Brooks – Currently, Oxford Brooks is a study abroad location in England. The cost of living in Oxford is significantly less than London. There is nothing presently available to replace Regents as a London campus location.

Austrian reaccreditation – We are pursuing reaccreditation by Austrian accreditation body for 6 years. This process began in Jan. 2016. There are specific things that we need to address: organizational structure, academics, and governance. Those items have to be addressed by Oct of 2016. We are creating a strategic plan for Vienna to address organizational structure. European accreditors simply want clarification. Currently, full-time or contracted employees teach 50% or more of classes.

V. Faculty Priorities Initiative

A draft copy of the Faculty Priorities Initiative report was distributed to Senate members last week. Senators presented recommended edits to the document. These edits will be applied and a revised draft will be sent to Senators for review. This draft will be presented for final approval at next week's Senate meeting.

This final FPI report is intended for internal Senate use. Each senator and every academic department chair will receive a copy of the final report. Five copies will be placed on reserve at the library for faculty check out. Individual faculty members can request a personal printed copy from the Senate office. Copies will also be sent to the President and the Provost to inform them of the range of faculty concerns and challenges.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this dissemination plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. ISC Handbook Language

When the CIE was disbanded, many of its functions were assumed by the ISC. This change of responsibilities is not documented in the Handbook. Mary Preuss presented the new handbook language that reflects the updated ISC responsibilities and structure.

A motion to change the existing handbook language to the new proposed language was made and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Faculty Definitions Feedback from Betsy -

Betsy Schmutz will review the proposed Handbook language regarding the definitions of contingent faculty positions. this review will specifically address the

inclusion of language to address equal opportunity guidelines and affirmative action policies and their documentation in the proposed language. Once this review is complete, the Senate will consider the proposal for approval at next week's senate meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.