

**Faculty Senate Meeting
September 18, 2014**

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Ginny Altrogge, Jef Awada, Larry Baden, Glen Bauer, Carla Colletti, Don Conway-Long, Ted Green, Tori Meyer, Debbie Psihountas, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Chris Sagovac, Terri Reilly, Keith Welsh, Phyllis Wilkinson

I. Minutes:

The August 28th Faculty Senate minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

The September 4th Faculty Senate minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

II. Honors Board Proposal:

Carol Schwab was present to discuss the proposed changes to the Honors Board policy. The proposal was sent to the Faculty Senate last April and the Senate asked the Honors Board to come back to the Senate this year with the following data:

- 1) How many students have a GPA over 3.7 and are not receiving honors? – Based on about 180 students, 40 students do not qualify for honors because of the upper level course requirement. This computes to about 10 percent of those receiving honors. By eliminating the upper level rule, about 13 percent would receive honors.
- 2) What do other schools do for awarding honors? – Based on research, most schools award honors based on top percentage of GPA. Some schools have specific honors courses that go toward receiving honors.
- 3) Breakdown of honors by major? – Research was conducted based on the past three years of those students approved/not approved for Honors who met the first three requirements of the Honors criteria. Department chairs and site directors may wish to nominate exceptional students whose course of study puts them outside the parameters of the average student's curriculum vitae (e.g., Conservatory students, Music Education students, students from the international campuses).

III. CRF Language on Electronic Submissions:

The Senate has been asked to respond to the request that the Committee to Review Faculty accept the electronic submission of letters. CRF chairs have communicated their concerns that there are problems with accepting electronic submission of letters, including the need to maintain confidentiality (because they would have to be printed to common office copiers), as well as the fact that the rule has already been announced for this year and most faculty are abiding by it.

The Senate took a formal vote to uphold the current CRF policy of not accepting electronic letters, and it passed unanimously.

IV. Committee Replacement:

Kit Jenkins needs to be replaced on the International Studies Committee (SOC seat). No one ran for this seat during the last election. If it continues to be a problem filling a school/college seat, the ISC may request a change to the University Handbook policy regarding membership on this Committee.

V. Extraordinary Merit Language:

Background was given on the Performance Pay Policy that was passed by the Faculty Assembly last year to bring the new Senators up to speed.

The draft of the Extraordinary Merit Pay Language was shared and discussed. Glen Bauer and Gwyneth will work on the language and bring the document back to the Senate.

VI. Handbook Language on Faculty Positions:

The Senate looked over the draft language on “Contingent Faculty” and some edits were made. It will need to be made clear what specific language is being replaced with new terminology.

VII. Report from Contingent Faculty Task Force:

A report was given from the Contingent Task Force Committee. The Senate voted to support the Contingent Task Force moving forward and this was approved by unanimous consent.

The Contingent Task Force will meet again next week.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.