

Faculty Senate Meeting
October 8, 2015

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Jef Awada, Larry Baden, Glen Bauer, Cheryl Breig-Allen, Don Conway-Long, Tori Meyer, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Joseph Sencibaugh, Martha Smith, Joe Stimpfl, Keith Welsh, Phyllis Wilkinson

I. Reports

New Co-deans were announced for the College of Arts & Sciences

- 1) Jenny Broder and Joe Stimpfl were chosen as the interim co-deans
- 2) There is no official plan to divide A&S into two schools
- 3) Any change must be approved by a majority of the Faculty Assembly
- 4) If the school is split, this will impact Handbook language on committees etc.

Planned faculty conversations with President Stroble and Provost Schuster

- 1) Gwyneth invited President Stroble to a future Faculty Assembly meeting, in keeping with the Handbook requirement that the president address the FA once a year on the state of the University. We will schedule a special Assembly meeting for this event.
- 2) We will invite President Stroble and Provost Schuster to the senate in November or December

Administrative Council

- 1) Webster Staff Alliance is offering Focus STL Equity & Diversity Workshops, 3-part series on achieving equity. Gwyneth encouraged faculty attendance at this event.
- 2) President Stroble and Provost Schuster have been lobbying the Department of Education in Washington regarding the new college scorecard.
- 3) Gwyneth discussed the FAFSA rule changes and how they may affect recruiting and admissions.

CACREP accreditation

- 1) CACREP accreditation for the Counseling program (at the Webster Groves campus) was approved. The length of this accreditation period remains an open question.

SGA Delegate's Agenda

Gwyneth briefed the Senate on the SGA Delegate's Agenda. One of the items presented was a student request to make faculty course evaluation results available to students online. A discussion took place regarding course evaluations being made available to students online. The Senate unanimously opposed this request.

Academic Resource Center issues

Gwyneth reported discussing the ARC problems with Provost Schuster.

Feedback from the recent Faculty Priorities interviews

- 1) Gwyneth briefed the Senate about highlights from some recent Faculty Priorities interviews
- 2) One particular issue involved a financial aid rule that negatively impacted School of Education graduate students
- 3) The lack of marketing of new programs was a common problem. The Senate will invite Barbara O'Malley to a future Senate meeting to discuss this issue.

II. Department Name Change – Tom Cornell

At a previous Senate meeting, Department Chair Tom Cornell presented a proposal to change the name of the CARE Dept. The Senate had given feedback and suggestions, which Cornell took back to his department. The CARE departmental faculty researched other institutions and decided that they preferred the name: Language, Literacy, and Leadership, which they feel reflects all of the programs in the department. The CARE Department as well as the Dean of the School of Education have approved the name.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the department name change. The motion was passed by majority vote.

Gwyneth informed Tom that his department is responsible for presenting the name change to the Provost (via the dean) and for changing the University catalog.

III. November 10th Faculty Assembly Agenda Draft

- 1) Thailand Report
- 2) Final Enrollment Numbers Report
- 3) Status of Raises
- 4) FAFSA Report by Rob Parrent
- 5) Faculty Ideas on Strategy for FAFSA
- 6) Update on Faculty Priorities

IV. Miscellaneous

- 1) Gwyneth will speak to Rob Parrent about sending out an email regarding the changes for FAFSA.
- 2) Because Joe Stimpfl will become the Interim Co-Dean of Arts and Sciences, he must be replaced as the budget liaison. Suggestions for a replacement were made by the Senate, and Gwyneth will contact them.
- 3) There will be no Senate meeting next week.
- 4) “Thank you” letters will be sent out to the presenters from Fall Institute.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.