

## Faculty Senate Minutes

Friday, October 25, 2013

3 p.m. – 5 p.m. | FC 206 Quiet Room

Acting Chair: Jason Fertig

Meeting Secretary: Kristalyn Shefveld

Meeting Called to Order: 3:03 p.m.

**PRESENT:** *Faculty Senate Members:* Tony Maria, Peter Whiting, Perry Burnett, Jennifer Williams, Rex Strange, Marilyn Ostendorf, Ethel Elkins, Jason Fertig, Kristalyn Shefveld; *Ex-Officio Members:* Shelly Blunt, Ron Rochon; *Guests:* Marna Hostetler

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 11, 2013

- a. Rex Strange motioned to approve the minutes, Peter Whiting seconded. 3 abstentions recorded and the ayes have it.

### REPORT FROM THE PROVOST'S OFFICE

- b. Updates- Dr. Rochon is pleased with the number of Honorary Degree submissions; Dr. Rochon informed the Senate about a new position, Vice President for Enrollment Management- Dr. Rochon is chairing the search for this position. This position will be much more strategic based off consultations with Noel Levitz, and will focus on recruitment and retention. Under this position will be the offices of Student Financial Assistance, Registrar, Admissions, and University Division. The Registrar and University Division will still have a place on Provost's Council. Dr. Rochon requests two names for Benefit Study Committee from Faculty Senate. Discussion took place about the FYE courses: The goal of these courses is to assist the freshman as they transition to being a University student. Per a question from Perry Burnett, undecided students would be covered by courses offered by University Division. Per a question from Rex about department specific FYE, Dr. Rochon is focused on FYE for a general broad understanding for all freshmen coming into the university. Updates on the BGS- revamping completely for adult students. Two accelerated tracks and will be presented at Academic Planning Council on Monday: Public service track and Enterprising leader track.

### REPORT FROM MT HALLOCK MORRIS, FACULTY SENATE CHAIR

- c. None.

### PRESENTATIONS

- d. LIBRARY UPDATE: Marna Hostetler -
  - i. New Databases: Oxford Handbooks, 2012 collection, accessible through the [library catalog](#) - brings together the world's leading scholars to write review essays that

evaluate the current thinking on a field or topic and make an original argument about the future direction of the debate. The Oxford Handbooks are one of the most successful and cited series within scholarly publishing, containing in-depth, high-level articles by scholars at the top of their fields; [Oxford Art Online](#) - access to the most authoritative, inclusive, and easily-searchable online art resources available today. Through a single, elegant gateway users can access—and simultaneously cross-search—an expanding range of Oxford’s acclaimed art reference works: *Grove Art Online*, the *Benezit Dictionary of Artists*, the *Encyclopedia of Aesthetics*, *The Oxford Companion to Western Art*, and *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art Terms*, as well as many specially commissioned articles and bibliographies available exclusively online; [Filmmakers Library Online](#) - provides award-winning documentaries with relevance across the curriculum—race and gender studies, human rights, globalization and global studies, multiculturalism, international relations, criminal justice, the environment, bioethics, health, political science and current events, psychology, arts, literature, and more. It presents points of view and historical and current experiences from diverse cultures and traditions world-wide; We are currently running a trial of [Drama Online](#); it goes until December 6, 2013. Please give any feedback on this trial database to me.

- ii. The library also added: Personal device charging stations (4), located on the first floor. These chargers have connections for many types of devices and can charge several at a time; Media hubs (2), which allow up to four students at a time to connect their personal devices – or library laptops/iPads – to a large central screen. These are ideal for group projects; Hours on Friday and Saturday. We are now open 7:00 am – 7:00 pm on Fridays and 9:00 am – 9:00 pm on Saturdays, bringing the weekly total to 104 open hours per week.
- iii. Extended hours during Exams. For Finals December 2013, the library will be open:

**December 9-12** - Mon.-Thurs. (Finals Extended Hours) 7:00am-2:00am

**December 13** - Friday 7:00am-7:00pm

**December 14** - Saturday 9:00am-9:00pm

**December 15** - Sunday (Finals Extended Hours) 12noon-2:00am

**December 16-17** - Monday-Tuesday (Finals Extended Hours) 7:00am-2:00am

**December 18** - Wednesday (Last Day of Finals) 7:00am-8:00pm

A new librarian, Ashley Clark. Ms. Clark is our new Reference & Instruction Librarian and she started in June 2013.

## OLD BUSINESS

### CORE 39 POLICY ADDITIONS

- iv. Policy 13: Courses satisfying Core 39 may not be taken as pass/fail.
- v. Policy 14: The current rule “No more than six hours of coursework from the major discipline may apply toward the UCC” does not apply to Core 39.

- vi. Motion to approve the spirit of the policies and revise language later - Kristalyn Shefvland; Seconded - Ethel Elkins. 13 passes unanimously. Ethel Elkins moves to approve to adopt the policy pending final wording; Seconded by Rex Strange. 14 passes unanimously.

#### **CHARGES**

- vii. Extension of Probationary Period (from April 2012)
  - 1. Provost Rochon suggested that this discussion include Chair, Dean, and HR director. Rex Strange made the motion to send to Economic Benefits Committee, Seconded by Peter Whiting. Unanimous vote.

#### **ASSIGNING LIAISONS TO SENATE COMMITTEES**

- viii. Assessment Committee- Perry Burnett
- ix. Curriculum Committee: Rex Strange
- x. Economic Benefits- No Volunteer
- xi. Faculty and Academic Affairs- Kristalyn Shefvland
- xii. Faculty Awards for Service, Teaching, and Research Committee- Tony Maria
- xiii. Grievance and Hearing Committee- Peter Whiting
- xiv. Promotions Committee- Jennifer Williams
- xv. Student Affairs Committee- Ethel Elkins

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- e. Benefits Study Committee: Nominate two people from Senate for this Task Force - Jason Fertig volunteered, Jennifer Williams made a motion to nominate him. Faculty Senate will choose another member of the faculty to put forth.
- f. Representative needed to sit on Commencement Committee: Marilyn Ostendorf

Meeting adjourned: 3:47 p.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Friday, November 8, 3-5 p.m.  
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