

Faculty Senate Minutes

Friday, 21 March, 2014

3 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Mitchell Auditorium

Meeting Secretary: Brandon Field

Meeting Called to Order: 3:03 pm

1. **PRESENT:** Brandon Field, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Rex Strange, Daria Sevastianova, Tony Maria, Marilyn Ostendorf, Ethel Elkins, Frank Ward, Garrett Merriam, Julie Evey, Shelly Blunt, Joy Cook, Peter Whiting, Stephanie Young, Beth Bonham, Kat Draughon.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 7, 2014:** Brandon made the motion, Peter C-C seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. **REPORT FROM THE PROVOST'S OFFICE:** Shelly Blunt
 - Master of Arts in English was approved by Commission. Positive about the proposal, and how well it documented the employability of their graduates. Will start in Fall.
 - Budget hearings: March 31, 8:30-10:30 Carter Hall; April 2nd, 8:30-10:30 UCE2217; Apr 2nd 1:30-3:30: UCE2217
 - New Student orientation: Everyone entering in the Fall will be under Core 39. Web page (www.usi.edu/core39/) updated with all approved Core 39 courses are listed online. Most courses are now linked to bulletin. Brochure has been developed, will be distributed next week, or contact Mark K.
4. **REPORT FROM MT HALLOCK MORRIS, FACULTY SENATE CHAIR**
 - **Budget Discussions:** I have been collaborating with Susanne Stanley from Administrative Senate and Betsy Jo Mullins from Staff Council to develop our Campus Community Budget Proposal which will be presented on Wednesday, April 2, at 1:30 p.m. in UC East 2217-2218. We met on Wednesday and will meet again next week to finalize the slide show. I will also be attending the Provost Council's Budget hearing run-through on Tuesday, March 25.
 - The consultants from **Noel-Levitz** will be on campus March 24 and 25. As a member of the Enrollment Management Council and the advising subcommittee, I will attend two different meetings on Monday, March 24, and report back to the senate on April 7.
 - I will attend the Council of Chairs meeting and the Breakfast with the President event on Wednesday, March 26.
 - **President's Council** was cancelled on Tuesday, March 18.
 - Mark Rozewski has indicated that the University is currently in the process of hiring the **gender equity consultant**.
 - The colleges have been notified about the **upcoming Senate elections**. I updated the Senate's records based on the feedback I received from you and from the members of the committees, so the call should be right.

- I will be contacting each senate committee and their liaisons about presenting their final reports at the meeting on April 4 or April 25. Need to confirm Faculty Senate Chair for next year.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- **Budget Presentation:** MT presented draft under preparation. Four priorities: 1. Salary increases. 2. Increase in travel funds. 3. Increase in full time faculty. 4. Increase in Rice Library Base Material Fund.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Call for nominations, At-large positions
 - Faculty Senate: Kerry Hall,
 - Assessment Committee: Jul Davis,
- The Faculty Senate will be meeting with Provost Ron Rochon to discuss the role of the USI University Promotions Committee on April 4, 2014. Depending on the outcome of this meeting, a second call for nominations may be issued.
- Call for nominations for the College committee members was read out loud and have been distributed to the respective Deans.

Next Meeting: April 4th at 3pm in UC 206

Meeting Adjourned: 3:45pm