

Faculty Senate Organizational Meeting/Retreat

12 August 2015

Members Present: Joanne Artz, Library: At-Large; Jason Fertig, Chad Milewicz, Peggy Shields: Romain College of Business; Jessica Jensen, Chuck Conaway, Rob Millard-Mendez: Liberal Arts; Marilyn Ostendorf, Mary Kay Arvin, Gabriela Mustata-Wilson: College of Nursing and Health Professions; Rex Strange, Cindy Deloney-Marino, Brandon Field: Pott College.

Guest Cameo Appearances (in order of appearance): MT Hallock Morris: University Core Curriculum Director; Ron Rochon, Provost; Shelly Blunt, Assistant Provost.

- Called to order: nine o'clock-ish.
- Approval of minutes from last year's final meeting: passed with abstentions from the members who not on Senate last year.
- Motion made to elect a Vice-Chair, instead of a Chair-Elect, for this coming 2015-2016 year. Motion by Brandon, Seconded by Marilyn. Unanimously approved.
- Nominations for Vice-Chair: Cindy. Unanimously approved.
- Nominations for Secretary: Brandon. Unanimously approved.
 - Duties of secretary:
 - Collect reports and minutes from Senate subcommittees.
 - Send out unapproved minutes following the meeting. After minutes are approved, send out archival copy to all Senators. Chair will have approved minutes posted to website.
- Motion: The Chair of Faculty Senate designates someone from each senate subcommittee to call their first meeting, coordinates a Faculty Senator to attend that meeting and verifies that they have elected a chair and will be fulfilling their roles as described in the bylaws. (Motion by Peggy, Jason seconded.) Unanimously approved.
- Report from Incoming Senate Chair: (Rex)
 - Over summer, Rex has been attending Presidents Council, Board of Trustee's meetings. Biggest concern is enrollment (diminishing).
 - Executive committee has met twice: June, with MT and Core 39; July, to receive recommendations from ad hoc committee on Promotion and Tenure

- Rex has also met with Human Resources (along with Gabriela) about Title IX requirement; met with librarians about promotion and tenure (expect to discuss this in future Senate meetings); met with student government about having a liaison from SGA to attend meetings; met with Shelly Blunt to discuss handbook changes that have been approved.
- Invited to Chair's and Director's retreat next Monday to discuss recommendations from P&T ad hoc committee.
- Visit from MT, regarding Core Assessment. Reported on the procedure for the Core assessment going forward.
- New business:
 - Proposed times and places for Fall and Spring meetings have been circulated. If no meeting is needed, it will be cancelled one week prior. 2pm-4pm was determined as meeting time
 - Appointments to University Committees: Rex will announce these open positions at the Faculty meeting next week; we should look for colleagues who would be good fits for these open positions.
 - Recommendations from Promotion and Tenure committee:
 - Separate meeting will be held to discuss and approve/disprove individual recommendations.
 - Recommendations will be sent out to Senators for our perusal.
 - General Senate Agenda items for the year:
 - Promotions and Tenure report needs to be addressed; the date for that meeting will be selected on 4 Sept.
 - Librarian Tenure and Promotion will need to be addressed. Marna will be invited.
 - All-Faculty meeting to be held in April with At Large nominations, and committee reports presented.
 - Human Resources: Donna wanted to talk to faculty to discuss new policies.
 - Address the Charge form that is on the website, and perhaps include a paragraph of description on the website. Rex will also address this on Tuesday at the Faculty Meeting.
- Provost Rochon reported topics of interest to the University:
 - Core assessment. Thanks to all the folks who have spent time this summer working on this topic.

- Title IX: Campus Clarity program adopted for incoming students. Determination being made currently what faculty and staff will be required to do.
- Child Protection Policy is being developed and will eventually impact people.
- 50th Anniversary festivities are ongoing at Evansville Museum, and we will be having lots more throughout the year.
- Dean Aakhus retiring after this year. National search planned, search firm not expected to be needed.
- Meeting adjourned: one o'clock-ish

Respectfully submitted by: Brandon Field, Faculty Senate Secretary.