

USI Faculty Senate Minutes

4 March 2016

Senators present: Brandon Field, Mary Kay Arvin, Marilyn Ostendorf, Nick LaRowe, Mary Doerner, Chuck Conway, Joanne Artz, Cindy Deloney-Marino, Jason Fertig, Jessica Jensen, Peggy Shields, Rob Millard-Mendez, Chad Milewicz, Rex Strange

Visitors present: Mohammed Khayum, Gabrielle Wy (Shield), Amy Chan-Hilton (CETL)

- Called to Order, 2:01pm
- Motion to approve minutes
 - Unanimously approved with abstention.
- Chair's Report:
 - Rex presented at yesterday's Board of Trustees meeting a look at what we have done and what we are doing.
 - Policy Endorsements
 - Endorsement of Freedom of Expression Policy
 - Endorsement of New Drone Policy
 - Endorsement of New Policy on Faculty Qualifications for Tested Experience
 - continuing with the Graduate Faculty Qualifications
 - Currently on Docket:
 - Assessment of Auxiliary Units
 - University Promotions Committee
 - Revision of Student Evaluations – Faculty Affairs Committee
 - There are online-specific questions on the evaluations
 - When were the online questions instituted? It is not known when or by whom they were instituted, but they have been used since at least summer 2011.
 - So the issue to be raised is the following: There is presently an online section on the SETs composed of nine questions. What was the origin of these questions? When were they instituted? What role did the faculty play in this process?
 - Queries from Faculty:

- Child Protection Policies – are faculty expected to make the background checks for every campus event?
- The clutter box issue: This is a new Office 360 feature, and Richard Toeniskoetter was not aware of it before, and will look into it.
- Search for new HR Executive Director – emeritus faculty appear to be kept out of the loop?
- Provost's report from Dr. Khayum
 - Academic Partnership is on track for starting the marketing launch around April 11th.
- Old business:
 - University Promotions Committee subcommittee amendments were presented and discussed. It was requested that the proposed amendments should have a date affiliated with it; in discussion the date of fall 2018 was decided upon. The draft was distributed to everyone and will be voted on.
 - Assessment of Auxiliary Units charge. Rob will distribute the wording that was developed and we will vote on it as a recommendation to the President's Council at the next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned: 3:16pm.