

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

November 18, 2013

Members present: Jim Allen, Seyed Allameh, Michael Baranowski, Diana Belland, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Gary Clayton, Steve Crites, Roxanne Kent-Drury, Irene Encarnacion, Nancy Firak, Richard Fox, Steven Gores, Lisa Holden, Barbara Houghton, Doug Hume, Stephen Johnson, Doug Hume, Debra Kasel, Kajsa Larson, Gail Mackin, Joe Mester, John Metz, Karen Mutsch, Margaret Myers, Catherine Neal, Louise Niemer, Tamara O'Callaghan, Jeanne Pettit, Will Peveler, KC Russel, Gabe Sanders, Sandra Spataro, Laura Sullivan, Jim Thomas, Steve Weiss, Jeffrey Williams, Xiaoni Zhang

Members absent: Kim Clayton-Code, Jacqueline Emerine, Sandra Grinnell, Ausbra McFarland, Ron Shaw

Guests: Geoffrey Mearns, Gail Wells, Ken Rhee, Mary Lepper, Diane Gronefeld, Valerie Rowland, Mary Chesnut, Leslie Hamman, Grace Hiles

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Steve Weiss at 3:00 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting were approved.

Guest Reports:

- **University President** (Geoffrey Mearns):
 - Thanks to all who participated in the successful Provost search process. Ms. Ott Rowlands will begin work on Jan. 6, 2014.
 - The Board of Regents met on Nov. 13 and approved the university's strategic plan. The finalized plan will be distributed sometime late this semester/early next semester. A Jan. 29, 2014 retreat is planned for the key stakeholders and an implementation process will begin.
 - The CPE Budget Proposal for 2014-2016 has been finalized. However, President Mearns did not sign/support. This decision was supported by the Board of Regents. President Mearns will be preparing a position statement outlining his reasons. A funding model for 2016-2018 will probably align more "fairness" to NKU, and President Mearns felt that this model should have been reflected in the 2014-2016 model. Those present expressed their appreciation for this decision.
- **Provost** (Gail Wells):
 - Currently reviewing 120 Reappointment/Promotion/Tenure submissions. More to follow (deadline later today). Thus far, 94 "traditional" (paper) submissions and 26 electronic versions have been received.
 - There was a 97% participation rate in this semester's mid-term grade submissions. (2350 eligible, 2274 participants). There were some exceptions due to type of class.
 - Searches currently underway for 4 deans, and the Assoc. Provost for Enrollment Management.

- There is now a campus contract for Adobe licenses. The cost was negotiated from over \$300,000 down to \$127,000.
- The procedure followed for entering mid-term grades will be replicated for entering end-of-semester grades in the spring semester.

Officer Reports:

- **Senate President** (Steve Weiss):
 - The end-of-semester meeting has been changed and will include a luncheon and will begin at 1 pm Dec. 6. At that time the Senate will express it's appreciation to Gail Wells for her years of service as Provost.
 - Faculty Senate nominations for election as Senators-At-Large and other committees is now taking place. Also, if anyone is interested in serving on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, contact Steve Weiss or any member of the Executive Committee.

Committee Reports:

- **Benefits** (Steve Crites for Kimberly Clayton-Code): Recommendations for sabbaticals, summer fellowships, and project grants have been forward to the Provost. Decisions by the Provost due to applicants by Dec. 24.
- **Budget** – NR
- **Professional Concerns** - NR
- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement Committee** - NR
- **University Curriculum** (Richard Fox):
 - **New Program Proposal:** Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science Program – approved without dissent.
 - **General Education Courses:** (2/3 majority of those present and voting required for passage);
 - **LIN 175 (Information Literacy):** Failed (17 Yea, 11 Nay)
 - **IST 185 (Introduction to Integrated Studies):** Passed (18 Yea, 7 Nay)
 - Committee will continue to work to coordinate the general education and Curriculum Committee process
 - Curriculum Committee agenda for November will may be heavy due to deadlines for meeting Fall 2014 implementation of approved classes.

Other: A “Celebration of Life” reception in honor of Barb Thiel will be held Nov. 19 at 4:30pm in the University Center Ballroom.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary