

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Dec. 12, 2014

Members present: Matt Albritton, Shannon Alexander, Jim Allen, Michael Baranowski, Diana Belland, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Steve Crites, Irene Encarnacion, Richard Fox, Morteza Sadat-Hossieny, Doug Hume, Stephen Johnson, Debra Kasel, Rick Kolbe, Yaw Augustine Frimpong-Mansoh, Phil McCartney, Ausbra McFarland, Joe Mester, John Metz, Karen Mutsch, Margaret Myers, Catherine Neal, Louise Niemer, Tamara O'Callaghan, KC Russell, Gabe Sanders, Ron Shaw Sandra Spataro, Laura Sullivan, Jim Thomas, Steve Weiss, Matthew Zacate

Members absent: , Seyed Allameh, Matt Asare, Janel Bloch, Ronnie Chamberlain, , Kim Clayton-Code, Roxanne Kent-Drury, Jacqueline Emerine, Mary Lee Glore, Jennifer Kinsley, Kajsa Larson, Jeanne Pettit, Xianoi Zhang

Guests: Geoffrey Mearns, Sue Ott-Rowlands, Mark Kesh, Katherine Hahnel, Ken Rhee, Paul Ellis, Jeffrey Standen, Ken Rhee, Grace Hiles

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Steve Weiss at 1:00 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the Nov. 24, 2014 meeting were approved.

Guest Reports:

- **University President** (Geoffrey Mearns):
 - Continuing to hold faculty/staff meetings with departments across campus with the Provost. Walkways around the recreation center will be improved.
 - Women's and Men's basketball programs are now underway.
 - 1300 degrees to be awarded this fall. Attendance to the graduation ceremonies is encouraged.
 - Changes in the state-wide funding model for state universities are still being addressed.
 - The January convocation (Jan. 9) will focus on the university strategic plan, branding, the "Road to NKU" report and a Health Innovation Center project update.
 - The new decentralized budget process will allow more input at the college and departmental levels.
 - Concern was expressed from the Senate regarding perceptions on funding of administrative positions. In the future, communications about changes in positions at this level will include more budgetary information.
 - The Division I funding was in place when Pres. Mearns came into office. Private funding will fuel any additional resources needed.
- **Provost** (Sue Ott-Rowlands):
 - Concern was expressed from the Senate regarding planning for a "School of Performance Arts" scenario. Such a program would in theory create more trans-

disciplinary and collaborative efforts but would also eliminate “departments” within that model. If implemented, this model would also have to be developed with existing resources. A budget is being worked on for this proposal at an administrative level.

- The “personal touches” being used by faculty/staff at various levels seems to be helping with retention efforts.
- The new Health Innovations Center and recreation center improvements should help expand enrollment.

- **New Faculty Awards and Honors Update** (Joel Robinson – Asst. Provost for Special Projects):

- New and enhanced faculty awards programs were presented. These can be found at <http://academicaffairs.nku.edu/recognition.html> and from the Provost’s website. Changes include:
 - Streamlined submission process
 - Expansion in the number of awards, including the “Excellence in University Service” as recommended at a previous Faculty Senate meeting.
 - Increased amounts of awards
 - Consistency for award submission deadlines
 - Streamlining of documentation submission guidelines – 1 deadline for all awards

Officer Reports:

- **President** (Steve Weiss):

- Elections have closed. The results are:
 - Faculty Senate Executive Committee (to be presented for voting at the January meeting):
 - President: Michael Baranowski
 - Vice-President: Carol Bredemeyer
 - Parliamentarian: Tamara O’Callaghan
 - Secretary: Perry Bratcher
 - Chair, Curriculum Ctte.: Richard Fox
 - Chair, Benefits Ctte.: Matthew Zacate
 - Chair, Budget Ctte.: TBD
 - Chair, Professional Concerns Ctte.: Ken Katkin
 - TEEC: Ken Rhee
 - College of Arts & Sciences:
 - At-Large: Richard Boyce, Irene Encarnacion
 - Complaint Process Advisory: Kassiani Kotsidou
 - College of Business:
 - At Large: Sean Foley

- Steely Library:
 - At-Large: Laura Sullivan
 - Complaint Process Advisory: Leslie Hammann
- College of Informatics:
 - Complaint Process Advisory: Stephen Yungbluth
- College of Health Professions:
 - Complaint Process Advisory: Sandra Grinnell
- College of Education (Run-off election – 3-way tie):
 - Steve Crites, Sarah Kasten, Dana Harley
- Chase College of Law:
 - Complaint Process Advisory: Carol Furnish
- Financial Exigency Committee:
 - Richard Boyce
 - Ken Katkin
 - Kassiani Kotsidou
 - Edward Kwon
 - Tracy Sigler
 - Brandelyn Tosolt
- Peer Review Advisory Committee:
 - Wayne Bresser
 - Sookyyng Cho
 - Kassiani Kotsidou
- Peer Review Hearing:
 - Holly Riffe
 - Richard Durtsche
 - Morteza Sadat Hossiani
 - Roxanne Kent Drury

Committee Reports:

- **Benefits Committee** (Matthew Zacate):
 - Faculty Development Award letters from the Provost have gone out.

Old Business:

- **Graduate Council representation on Faculty Senate** (Steve Weiss):
 - The Executive Committee discussed the inclusion of Graduate Council representation on the Faculty Senate based on discussion at the last Faculty Senate meeting. As a result, the following recommendation was made: Invite a Graduate Council representative to come to the Faculty Senate meetings as an ex-officio non-voting member for the remainder of the academic year. This recommendation was approved. This decision was recommended due to the fact that the Director of Graduate Programs position is now vacant, and when

this position is filled, the new program director may have other ideas regarding the entire program and its relationship with the Senate and other groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary