

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

September 29, 2014

Members present: Matt Albritton, Seyed Allameh, Jim Allen, Matt Asare, Michael Baranowski, Janel Bloch, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Ronnie Chamberlain, Kim Clayton-Code, Steve Crites, Jacqueline Emerine, Irene Encarnacion, Richard Fox, Mary Lee Glore, Morteza Sadat-Hossieny, Doug Hume, Stephen Johnson, Debra Kasel, Jennifer Kinsley, Kajsa Larson, Yaw Augustine Frimpong-Mansoh, Phil McCartney, Ausbra McFarland, Joe Mester, John Metz, Karen Mutsch, Margaret Myers, Catherine Neal, Louise Niemer, Tamara O'Callaghan, Jeanne Pettit, KC Russell, Gabe Sanders, Sandra Spataro, Ron Shaw, Laura Sullivan, Jim Thomas, Steve Weiss, Matthew Zacate, Xianoi Zhang

Members absent: Shannon Alexander, Diana Belland, Roxanne Kent-Drury,

Guests: Sue Ott Rowlands, Katherine Hahnel, Ken Rhee, Pat Moynahan, Kathy Frank, 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 August 25, 2014 meeting were approved.

Guest Reports:

- **Provost** (Sue Ott Rowlands):
 - Information was distributed regarding faculty awards enhancements. Detailed information will also soon be posted on the Provost's web site. There are an expanded number of awards, and increases in dollar amounts to existing awards. These awards match campus strategic planning priorities. It was suggested that a service award be investigated. The following is a brief description of awards:
 - Frank Sinton Milburn Outstanding Professor Award (\$4,000)
 - Michael C.C. Adams and Susan S. Adams Outstanding Non-Tenure Track Faculty Member Award (\$1,500)
 - Part-time Faculty Excellence in Instruction Award (\$1,500)
 - Excellence in Teaching and Instruction (Two awards of \$1,500)
 - Excellence in Research/Scholarship/Creativity Award (Two awards of \$1,500)
 - Excellence in International Education (\$1,500)
 - Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring (\$1,500)
 - Excellence in Online or Technology Enhanced Teaching (\$1,500)
 - Excellence in Outreach and Engagement (\$1,500)
 - Regents Professorship Award
 - The Grade Appeal Policy has been sent back to the Academic Affairs Policy Committee for revisions. This document will eventually make its way to Faculty Senate for review.

- Deans are reviewing the differential workloads issue. Some funds will be made available for departments impacted by faculty who receive reduced workloads as a result of a change in workload policy.
- During the coming year, review of departmental and college operating budgets will take place.
- The Faculty Handbook is being reviewed for revisions. Committee members included in this process include three Professional Concerns Committee members, Chair of the PCC, Faculty Senate President, Chair of the Council of Chairs, a Dean, and the Provost. The goal is to have a document brought forward to the Faculty Senate for review by the end of the academic year.

Officer Reports:

- **President (Steve Weiss):**
 - Steve tried once again to get someone to chair the Budget Committee with no success. There is a Budget Task Force as part of the campus Strategic Plan with faculty representation.

Committee Reports:

- **University Curriculum Committee (Richard Fox):** The UCC has modified its bylaws with respect to the new program approval process because of a change being mandated by the Kentucky Council of Post-Secondary Education (CPE). The following items were approved by the Senate:
 - All new certificate programs must follow the same approval process as new programs. This includes the development of a pre-proposal, the posting of the pre-proposal to the CPE for at least 45 days, and the development of a full program proposal.
 - An additional step is being added from the Provost's office for all new program proposals and all certificate proposals which is that, beginning with the conception phase for the new program, it be placed on a "wish list" as shared by the college's Dean with the Academic Affairs councils. This wish list will help Academic Affairs with long-term planning of new programs.
 - A work group regarding the review of the curriculum process has been established.
- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement Committee: (Ken Rhee):**
 - The TEEC newsletter was distributed last week with the next issue forthcoming in November.
 - The next brown bag lunch sponsored by TEEC will be on 10/6 at noon (SL 221) and is entitled: Transdisciplinary (Fill in the Blank)

Announcements:

- Senate elections information will soon be distributed.

- Staff morale is down. A committee is being formed to discuss parking permit pricing options.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary