

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

November 15, 2010

Members Present: Margaret Anderson, Blas Puente-Baldoceda, Diana Belland, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Kim Clayton-Code, Paul Cooper, Richard Fox, Rich Gilson, Chuck Hawkins, David Hogan, MaryCarol Hopkins, Yi Hu, Ken Katkin, Marc Leone, Alar Lipping, Caroline Macke, Phil McCartney, Kim McErlane, Joe Mester, John Metz, Ban Mittal, Phil Moberg, Teri Murphy, Sara Runge, Patty Schumacher, Steve Weiss, Jeffrey Williams

Members Absent: Seyed Allameh (conference), Scottie Barty, Richard Boyce, Heather Bullen, Ken Engebretson, Emily Detmer-Goebel, Nancy Hancock (sabbatical), Lisa MacQueen, Ausbra McFarland, Jonathan McKenzie, Jacqueline McNally, Louise Niemer, K.C. Russell, Toru Sakaguchi

Guests: Jim Votruba, Gail Wells, Mary Lepper, Tim Ferguson, Grace Hiles

The meeting was opened by Faculty Senate President Alar Lipping at 3:05 pm. The minutes of the September 20, 2010 meeting were approved.

Guest Reports:

- **University President** (Jim Votruba):
 - Revenues from the state have stabilized and are slightly up, but deficits remain. No further reductions are being discussed *at this time*.
 - NKU is working on budget restructuring (NOTE: The university has a budget of \$200M, with \$140M of that discretionary). This restructuring is focusing on: a) reducing administrative infrastructure (\$2M already saved – looking at the possibility of another \$2M-\$2.5M); b) Streamlining of Academic Affairs, c) reviewing revenues (including tuition, fees, alternative sources and student credit hour/FTE); consulting firm hired to review several areas (report due in February) including the “student experience”, financial aid/business services, post-ERP (SAP) implementation, procurement and organizational structure.
 - NOTE: A 1% salary increase for all campus personnel equals \$1M
- **Provost** (Gail Wells):
 - After Griffin Hall opens, there will be the opportunities to renovate some of the classrooms and replace aging furniture
 - Discussion ensued regarding class size and the full-time to adjunct teaching ratio
 - The College of Business Dean search is continuing with candidates on campus over the next few weeks
 - The College of Informatics Dean search is continuing with candidates coming on campus early in the spring semester

- A Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law arbitration team won the American Bar Association Regional Arbitration Competition
- A team of Northern Kentucky University computer science majors placed first at the 2010 Regional Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Programming Contest
- Reappointment/Promotion/Tenure binders are being reviewed in the Provost's office
- **Faculty Regent** (Chuck Hawkins):
 - Board of Regents met on November 10 and discussed: a) NKU financial report; b) the faculty/staff recruitment process; c) creation of the Center for Public History; d) Talent Development and Gifted Studies program; and e) personnel issues
- **CIO** (Tim Ferguson): Tim Ferguson gave a presentation regarding IT activities at NKU. Some of the highlights included:
 - Now that SAP implementation has been completed, there will now be a shift of focus in IT to the academic side (vs. the business side) of operations. OIT is working this Gartner on a strategic plan
 - Governance for OIT includes: ITAC (Information Technology Advisory Committee), MyNKU Advisory Workgroup, IT Policy Council, and a Student Advisory Group
 - OIT will be seriously considering a leasing plan in 2011 as part of the annual computer replacement plan. Implementation of leasing should bring the university closer to a 4-year computer replacement cycle
 - Griffin hall will be going online in 2011
 - Network improvements as well as wireless access improvements have been made across campus
 - Improvements have been and are being made for mobile technology access
 - Several initiatives are underway to improve computing access for NKU faculty/staff/students
 - Reviewing the increase of funding for academic initiatives
 - In the process of creating a team to focus on instructional technology exploration/adoption and design
 - Smart classroom improvements will be forthcoming
 - Investigating the feasibility of providing laptops to all faculty who need them
 - Ongoing SAP upgrades taking place – in particular the upgrade of the process for students filling out online evaluations
 - Ken Rhee mentioned that anyone interested in serving on the ITAC should contact him

Committee Reports:

- **Curriculum** (Richard Fox):
 - A subcommittee has been formed to look at the new General Education Committee's role and also other recommendations
 - Five General Education courses will come up for a vote at the December meeting

- The Search Committee for the Director of General Education should have candidates finalized in January
- **Benefits** (Alar Lipping for KC Russell): Summer Fellowships, Grants and Sabbaticals recommendations have been forwarded to the Provost
- **Constitution Revision** (Steve Weiss): An interim General Education Committee will be formed to review policy issues which need to be addressed. This committee will consist of a minimum of 8 members. At least half of the membership will be from Arts & Sciences with the other half from areas outside of A&S. Pat Moynahan (Vice Provost) and Vicki Stieha, Interim Director of General Education will serve as ex-officio members.
- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement** (Ken Rhee): The committee is working on the following:
 - Online student evaluations. A sample statement for faculty syllabi was distributed
 - Reviewing the ability for faculty to customize the evaluation form (pilot testing in the spring)
 - Faculty development workshops will take place in the spring

Officer Reports:

- **Senate President** (Alar Lipping):
 - The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on Dec. 13 at 3:00 pm (refreshments provided starting at 2:45pm)
 - Faculty Senate election voting deadline has been extended to 4:30 pm Nov. 19. Nominations being solicited for 2011/12 officers
 - The Faculty Senate meeting of January 24, 2011 will be preceded by a meeting of the 2011/12 Senate and election of officers
- **Senate Vice President** (Carol Bredemeyer): Recently attended an AAUP Workshop on Governance. Details about the conference can be found on their website, in the Chronicle of Higher Education and on Inside Higher Ed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary