

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

October 24, 2011

Members present: Jim Allen, Seyed Allameh, Blas Puente-Baldoceda, Michael Baranowski, Diana Belland, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Kim Clayton-Code, Irene Encarnacion, Richard Fox, Emily Detmer-Goebel, Diane Gronefeld, Patrick Hare, Chuck Hawkins, David Hogan, Yi Hu, Ken Katkin, Alar Lipping, Caroline Mackey, Phil McCartney, Kim McErlane, Ausbra McFarland, Jacqueline McNally, Joe Mester, John Metz, Teri J. Murphy, Ljubomir Nacev, Louise Niemer, Sara Runge, Patty Schumacher, Jim Thomas, Judy Voelker, Steve Weiss, Jeffrey Williams, Xiaoni Zhang

Members absent: Tobias Brauer, Gary Clayton, Rich Gilson, Scott Nutter, Ron Shaw

Guests: Carole Beere, Kristi Haik, Grace Hiles, Mary Lepper, Erik Pederson, Ken Rhee, Chris Strobel

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Alar Lipping at 3:05 pm. The minutes of the September 19, 2011 meeting were approved.

Guest Reports:

- **Provost** (Gail Wells):
 - Two faculty forums for launching the presidential search are upcoming (10/26 & 10/28). These forums are meetings with the search firm to voice characteristics and experiences needed for the next university president.
 - Mary Ryan (Associate Provost for Administration) will be retiring at the end of the week after a long career with NKU.
 - Campaigning (legislative and fund-raising) will soon begin for a new health innovations building. Funding will include a request for renovations to Founders Hall.
 - The Griffin Hall opening ceremony was successful. Class space is available for all disciplines.
 - CPE has established a goal (which will include NKU) of closing the achievement gap between underprepared and the general undergraduate student population. NKU will be investigating various ways to achieve this goal.
- **Faculty Regent** (Chuck Hawkins):
 - The next meeting of the Board of Regents is set for Nov. 9. The regents have been working on preparing for the presidential search.
- **University President Search & Steering Committee** (Carole Beere – Admin. Coordinator):
 - Open forums (2 faculty, 2 staff, 2 community, 1 student) will take place next week. The purpose of these forums is for the search firm to gather information about characteristics and needs for the next president.
 - Isaacson, Miller has been contracted as the executive search firm which will be assisting NKU with its search.
 - Check the website <http://presidentalsearch.nku.edu/> for updates regarding the search process. In addition to the forums mentioned above, a website poll will be posted to gather additional information.

Committee Reports:

- **Benefits** (Alar Lipping for Scott Nutter):
 - Currently reviewing sabbatical, summer fellowship, and project grant requests. Report due to Provost in mid-November with final decisions by Christmas break.
- **Budget** (Ljubomir Nacev):
 - Working on the annual budget priority survey.
 - Subcommittees are reviewing: Division 1 impact on the budget, CUPA salaries, TIAA-CREF summer pay issue, request for increases in the summer fellowship and project grant funds.
- **Curriculum** (Richard Fox):
 - Reviewing ways to improve the curriculum process.
 - Workshops regarding new CPE guidelines for the curriculum process and the impacts on NKU will be coming. Implementation due Fall 2013.
- **Professional Concerns** (Jeffrey Williams):
 - Five subcommittees have been formed to review the following topics:
 - Branding of NKU
 - Collegial governance
 - RPT concerns and issues (including Distinguished Professor rank)
 - Utilization of campus facilities
 - Summer school pay policy
 - The Chair and Faculty Senate President will be working on the wording to bring forward regarding the mid-term grade proposal submitted by the Student Government Association. Information will be gathered from the Provost regarding cost implications. The Student Government Association Executive Vice President (Erik Pederson) was on hand to answer questions about the proposal.
- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement Committee** (Ken Rhee):
 - Currently reviewing course evaluations. Looking at adding the option in the spring semester for instructors to add custom questions, selected from a pre-selected list. Suggestions for questions to add to this list should be sent to TEEC.
 - Reviewing the revision of questions on the current course evaluation form. Need to consider the purpose of questions, which are threefold:
 - Improvement of teaching effectiveness
 - Performance evaluation
 - Provision of student feedback
 - Faculty development workshops are in the works for the spring semester.

Officer Reports:

- **Faculty Senate President** (Alar Lipping):
 - The following resolution was made in honor of Mary Ryan's service to the Senate: "The Faculty Senate would like to acknowledge the outstanding achievement of Associate Provost Mary Ryan in supporting collegial governance at Northern Kentucky University."

Her service to Faculty Senate has spanned a period of over 30 years. Faculty Senate is deeply indebted to her, for her contributions and dedication.”

- The last Faculty Senate meeting included a description of the new Interim General Education Committee, which was to consist of 11 members. After a review of the diversity and size of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Executive Committee agreed to increase the membership for the college from 4 to 5 members. Membership for the committee includes:
 - Kent Johnson (Director of Gen. Ed., ex-officio)
 - Office of the Provost (1 rep. , ex-officio)
 - Steven Weiss (College of Informatics)
 - Greg Martin (College of Business)
 - Kris Pfendt (College of Health Professions)
 - Tara McLendon (College of Education and Human Services)
 - Jennifer Smith (Steely Library)
 - Burke Miller (College of A&S)
 - Jennifer Cellio (College of A&S)
 - Kereen Monteyne (College of A&S)
 - T.J. Murphy (College of A&S)
 - Mike Hatton (College of A&S)
- The At-Large Senator election process will begin on Oct. 31. Nominations have been received, however there is still are no nominations for the College of Business.
- Dr. Votruba, Scott Eaton (Athletic Director), Mary Kirk, Cathy Steffan, and Ken Kline will be at the Nov. 21 Faculty Senate meeting to discuss the implications and implementation of the move to Division I status.
- It would be good for senators to review Appendix C of the Faculty Handbook. This section addresses collegial governance.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary