

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

March 19, 2012

Members present: Jim Allen, Seyed Allameh, Blas Puente-Baldoceda, Michael Baranowski, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Tom Cate, Kim Clayton-Code, Irene Encarnacion, Emily Detmer-Goebel, Diane Gronefeld, Patrick Hare, David Hogan, Yi Hu, Ken Katkin, Alar Lipping Tara McClendon (for Caroline Macke), Phil McCartney, Kim McErlane, Ausbra McFarland, Jacqueline McNally, Joe Mester, Teri J. Murphy, Louise Niemer, Jim Thomas, Judy Voelker, Steve Weiss, Jeffrey Williams, Xiaoni Zhang

Members absent: Diana Belland, Tobias Brauer, Richard Fox, Rich Gilson, John Metz, Sara Runge, Patty Schumacher, Ron Shaw

Guests: Jim Votruba, Gail Wells, Chuck Hawkins, Ljubomir Nacev, Scott Nutter, Grace Hiles, Mary Lepper, Carole Beere, Kristi Haik, Chris Strobel

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Alar Lipping at 3:05 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the February 20, 2012 meeting were approved.

Guest Reports:

- **University President (Jim Votruba):**
 - Faculty were encouraged to provide input for the Presidential candidates.
 - The 6.4% budget reduction has passed the Kentucky House of Representatives. This would entail a \$3.2M cut to NKU. No agency bonds have been approved (which would involve the campus recreation center, additional parking and new residence halls). The House Bill does not include making the University of Pikeville a regional university, but does include using coal severance tax monies to support scholarships for that region. Budget considerations will now pass to the Kentucky Senate.
 - No CPE tuition ceiling has been set, but anticipating a 5% increase.
 - NKU is not experiencing hiring freezes, layoffs, or travel freezes
 - NKU's financial situation looks good despite the budget situation and economy.

- **Provost (Gail Wells):**
 - Celebration of Student Research and Creativity, 4/2-6. Poster sessions 4/3, 1:00-3:30.
 - Faculty were encouraged to provide input for the Presidential candidates.
 - Faculty were encouraged to introduce themselves to Paul Orscheln, the new Assoc. VP for Enrollment Management.
 - Congratulations were expressed to those approved for promotions/tenure by the Board of Regents.
 - Provost expressed appreciation for the work of the Senate Budget Committee.

- **Faculty Regent** (Chuck Hawkins):
 - Congratulations were again expressed for promotion/tenure candidates.
 - Other Board of Regents actions at the most recent meeting included revisions to the Chairs Handbook, a briefing on the university Presidential search, and other administrative items.

- **NKU Presidential Search report** (Alar Lipping, Carole Beere, Kristi Haik, Chris Strobel):
 - Three candidates will be on campus for interviews: Dr. Jonathan C. Gibraltar (Frostburg State Univ.), Dr. David L. Eisler (Ferris State Univ.) and a yet unnamed third candidate.
 - The search process to date was described.
 - Faculty were encouraged to attend forums. Faculty forums will be 2:15-3:10 on 3/29, 4/2 and 4/9 (or faculty may attend open forums from 9:30-10:30 on 3/29, 4/3, and 4/10).

Committee Reports:

- **Professional Concerns** (Jeffrey Williams): Voting items coming to next meeting.
- **University Curriculum:** No Report
- **Benefits** (Scott Nutter): Voting items coming to next meeting.
- **Budget** (Ljubomir Nacev):
 - Annual budget survey has been completed and submitted.
 - Working on narrative summary of the survey
 - In the future, the survey will be administered in the Fall in order to give the Provost more time to work with the results and give sufficient time for those results to be used for budget planning.
 - Reviewing Division I status and its impact on budget.
 - Working on questions to submit to Presidential Search candidates.
- **Interim General Education Committee** (Steve Weiss):
 - Several members recently attended the American Association of Colleges & Universities meeting “General Education and Assessment: New Contexts, New Cultures”.
 - Working on a policy document for general education.
- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement Committee** (Ken Rhee):
 - Faculty Development Workshops have been successful. The last one is April 19-20 entitled “Voices at the Table: International Students at NKU”.

Officer Reports:

- **President** (Alar Lipping):
 - Faculty Regent nomination forms are available – deadline 3/30. Forums will probably take place the week of April 9.
- **Vice President** (Carol Bredemeyer):
 - COSFL representatives met with CPE executives and primarily discussed advising and programs targeting students aged 50+.

- **Parliamentarian (Steve Weiss):**
 - Voice voting is the preferred method of voting. A member can ask for a hand vote if a voice vote is unclear. Abstentions are not recorded or asked for.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary