

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

November 16, 2009

Members present: Michael Baranowski, Scottie Barty, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Heather Bullen, Tom Cate, Steve Crites, Patty Commelly, Adele Dean, Ken Engebretson, Emily Detmer-Goebel, Kristi Haik, Nancy Hancock, Mary Carol Hopkins, Barbara Klaw, Marc Leone, Alar Lipping, Lisa MacQueen, Phil McCartney, Kim McErland, John Metz, Carl Miller, Phil Moberg, Cathy Pence, Toru Sakaguchi, Karen Tapp, Jim Thomas, Jeff Ward, Steve Weiss

Members absent: Seyed Allameh, Kevin Besnoy, Richard Boyce, Paul Cooper, Rich Gilson, Brant Karrick, Aron Levin, Ausbra McFarland, Jacqueline McNally, Ban Mittal, Scott Nutter, K.C. Russell, Ron Shaw

Guests: Jim Votruba, Gail Wells, Chuck Hawkins, Grace Hiles, Debra Meyers, Karen Campbell, Mary Lepper, Jamie Hazenfield, Pat Moynahan

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Alar Lipping at 3:05 PM. The minutes of the October 26, 2009 were amended to read: “Nancy McKenney (Eastern Kentucky University) was named as COSFL faculty representative to the CPE.”

GUEST REPORTS:

- **University President (Jim Votruba):**
 - Congratulations were expressed to the Senate regarding all of the efforts put into the General Education proposal. The proposal was passed at the most recent Board of Regents meeting.
 - Veterans are playing an increasingly important role on campus. There are currently over 300 veterans enrolled as students.
 - The General Assembly (Ky. state government) will soon be gearing up for their next session.
 - There is no word whether or not there will be a “hard shutdown” over Christmas break. Also looking at the possibility of extending the break.
- **Provost (Gail Wells):**
 - Currently reviewing faculty portfolios
 - The “Race to the Top” emphasis through the NKU College Readiness Program is becoming a model for P-12 preparedness. This program includes the NKU Academy as well as work with various area high schools. Current emphasis is in the areas of math and writing, with an emphasis on reading soon to be implemented.
 - Concern was expressed regarding traffic problems associated with the Bank of Kentucky Center events and evening student/faculty parking. Notification needs

to come out sooner. In the future, the Johns Hill Road expansion should help with this problem.

- The SACS notification date is Dec. 8th.
- **Faculty Regent** (Chuck Hawkins):
 - The Board of Regents passed both the General Education Proposal and the Intellectual Property Policy.
- **Faculty Liaison for General Education Implementation** (Debra Meyers): Several issues regarding the implementation of the new General Education program were addressed:
 - The University Curriculum Committee (UCC) is in the process of putting the final touches on the matrix for submitting courses admitted to the program. UCC and the Senate will have an opportunity to vote on the matrix.
 - There are a total of 19 SLOs (Student Learning Outcomes). Based upon input from departments and UCC members, three or four SLOs will be required for each course approved for the new program.
 - The General Education Needs Assessment and Analytics Team (GENAAT) has been created to review the assessment aspect of the program in relation to the QEP. This group includes full-time faculty in the departments offering general education courses. Rubrics are being developed for this process.
 - A steering committee has been created to review the issues “outside the classroom” which need to be considered (PRISM issues, registrar, etc.).
 - The College of Arts & Sciences has developed guidelines for submission in their area. These guidelines will be shared with other departments for their possible use.
 - Work has also begun regarding assessment of General Education as an entire program. Faculty development opportunities are being explored.
 - Work is continuing on updating the General Education website <http://gepsc.nku.edu>
 - A reporting structure is also being developed
- **Director of Wellness** (Karen Campbell): A summary was given of the health screenings performed several months ago. Information included:
 - Response rate was good (694 participants: 73% staff/27% faculty)
 - Areas covered in the survey included: eating habits, exercise, smoking, sleep, weight, and various other misc. areas.
 - A Healthy Workplace Committee is currently in place. Other aspects of the program currently being offered or being worked on include: creation of an operating plan, selection of interventions, wellness coaching, weight loss support groups, and the creation of a supportive environment.
 - A handout was distributed regarding tobacco cessation clinics, health screening for 2010, the development of an online survey by Chartwell’s.

- Karen MacQueen agreed to replace Alar Lipping as faculty representative to the committee.

OFFICER REPORTS:

- **Vice-President:** (Kristi Haik):
 - Teaching Evaluation Effectiveness Committee needs volunteers

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **University Curriculum Committee** (Scottie Barty):
 - Work is continuing regarding the calendar change for performance evaluations
- **Budget Committee** (Ken Engebretson):
 - Work is continuing on the budget priorities. The next survey will be conducted online and will also divide responses into faculty status categories (Full Professor, Assoc. Prof., etc.) to see how issues are viewed differently by faculty in these categories.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Faculty Senate Elections Committee Chair** (Greg Hatchett):
 - Nominees are being solicited for the following vacancies:
 - At-Large Senators (Arts & Sciences, Business, Education & Health Services, Chase Law, Health Professions, Informatics)
 - Complaint Process Advisory Committee (must be tenured): (Business, Law, Education & Human Services)
 - Peer Review Advisory/Hearing Committees (must be tenured)
 - Financial Exigency Condition Committee

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary