

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

October, 2012

Members present: Jim Allen, Seyed Allameh, Michael Baranowski, Diana Belland, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Tobias Brauer, Gary Clayton, Kim Clayton-Code, Steve Crites, Jacqueline Emerine, Irene Encarnacion, Nancy Firak, Richard Fox, Sandra Grinnell, Diane Gronefeld, Steven Gores, Lisa Holden, Doug Hume, Kajsa Larson, Alar Lipping, Gail Mackin, Ausbra McFarland, Joe Mester, John Metz, Karen Mutsch, Louise Niemer, Scott Nutter, Jeanne Pettit, Jim Thomas, Steve Weiss, Jeffrey Williams

Members absent: Roxanne Kent-Drury, Rich Gilson, Patrick Hare, Yi Hu, Mary Kirk, Phil McCartney, Ron Shaw, Xiaoni Zhang

Guests: Geoffrey Mearns, Gail Wells, Mary Lepper, Sue Moore, Jeff Waple, Ken Rhee, Ann James, Darren D. Jones, Vicki Natale, Grace Hiles

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Alar Lipping at 3:05 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the Sept. 17, 2012 meeting were approved with corrections.

Guest Reports:

- **University President** (Geoffrey Mearns): President Mearns commented on plans for the strategic planning process which will take the university through 2018. He is currently seeking advice from those across campus regarding the process (committee structure, guiding principles, etc.). Meetings have already taken place with chairs, deans, students, Staff Congress, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and others. Senators comments were solicited regarding how to gather input from the varied number of stakeholders, size and membership of the planning committee, length of the process (currently looking at beginning in January 2013 with a report to the Board of Regents at their first meeting of 2014), and how comprehensive the plan should be (start from scratch or tweak existing documents). There was much support voiced regarding the inclusion of a Lecturer position as one of the faculty representatives.
- **Provost** (Gail Wells):
 - Faculty Excellence Awards will be presented on Oct. 25. These ten awards include: Frank Sinton Milburn Outstanding Professor Award; the Michael C .C. and Susan S. Adams Outstanding Non-Tenure Track Faculty Member Award; the Part-time Faculty Excellence in Instruction Award; the Outstanding Online Faculty of the Year Award; and six Faculty Excellence Awards.
 - Freshman applications are up 30% over last year.
 - The following motion was approved at the 2/20/2012 Faculty Senate meeting: *The current midterm grade reporting system for freshmen shall be expanded to include the option for faculty to report the grades for all undergraduates above the freshman level.* Due to SAP technological complexities, this recommendation would be extremely difficult to implement. Gail is asking that the Faculty Senate consider

- amending the recommendation to include all undergraduates in the reporting, rather than making it optional.
 - Summer school enrollment is down this year. Many options are being considered to increase enrollment. Any ideas should be forwarded to the Provost.
 - Will reconsider the TIAA-CREF compensation issue for summer faculty if it ranks highly on the annual faculty survey.
- **Faculty Regent** (Jacqueline Emerine): Next Board of Regent meeting 11/14/2012.

Committee Reports:

- **Professional Concerns** (Jeffrey Williams):
 - Changes in The Student Code of Conduct were addressed by Jeff Waple, Dean of Students. These changes were necessary to comply with Title 9 equity regulations. The Code was passed unanimously by the Professional Concerns Committee. The recommendation to approve the Student Code of Conduct passed without dissent.
- **Benefits** (Scott Nutter):
 - The faculty development awards deadline has passed. This year there were 19 sabbatical applications (21 available), 17 fellowship applications (15 available) and 16 applications for project grants totaling \$74,800 (\$56,000 available).
- **University Curriculum** (Richard Fox):
 - Three new program proposals will soon be coming to the Senate for consideration.
- **Budget Committee** (Gary Clayton):
 - The faculty survey will be coming out soon and will include new questions (including summer pay issues).
- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement Committee** (Ken Rhee):
 - There will be a pilot test of the new instructor & course evaluation form this fall. The new form can be previewed on the TEEC website.
 - The spring training schedule of three TEEC sponsored workshops has been finalized information will soon be distributed.
- **Post-Professor Development Opportunities Committee** (Scott Nutter):
 - A survey has been distributed to faculty.

Officer Reports:

- **Senate President** (Alar Lipping):
 - The Faculty Senate Elections Committee has reviewed the distribution of Senators-At-Large and faculty vacancies on other university committees. As a result, the following positions are open (nominations to take place 10/22/12 – 11/9/12 with voting from 11/19/12 - 11/30/12):
 - College of Arts & Sciences Senators-At-Large: 2 vacancies

- Steely Library Senator-At-Large: 1 vacancy
- College of Business Senator-At-Large: 1 vacancy
- Complaint Process Advisory Committee: 4 faculty vacancies (A&S, Chase Law, Business, Steely Library)
- Financial Exigency Condition Committee (need 5 more faculty members)
- Advisory Committee (need 3 faculty representatives from any areas EXCEPT from Theatre & Kinesiology)
- Hearing Committee (need 3 faculty representatives from any areas EXCEPT from Social Work & Nursing)
- Alternates also welcome.
- Three faculty members are needed for the Residency Review Committee. If interested, let Alar know.

Announcements: Alar will check with Sara Sidebottom regarding smoking policy enforcement.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary