

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

March 18, 2013

Members present: Jim Allen, Seyed Allameh, Michael Baranowski, Diana Belland, Perry Bratcher, Tobias Brauer, Carol Bredemeyer, Gary Clayton, Kim Clayton-Code, Steve Crites, Jacqueline Emerine, Irene Encarnacion, Richard Fox, Sandra Grinnell, Diane Gronefeld, Patrick Hare, Lisa Holden, Doug Hume, Kajsa Larson, Alar Lipping, Gail Mackin, Phil McCartney, Ausbra McFarland, Joe Mester, John Metz, Karen Mutsch, Louise Niemer, Jeanne Pettit, Jim Thomas, Steve Weiss, Xiaoni Zhang

Members absent: Richard Boyce, Roxanne Kent-Drury, Nancy Firak, Rich Gilson, Steven Gores, Mary Kirk, Scott Nutter, Ron Shaw, Jeffrey Williams

Guests: Gail Wells, Mary Lepper, Ken Rhee, Connie Kiskaden, Andrea Cornuelle, Tom Baxter, Shannon Alexander, Kristen Lovett, Pat Moynahan, Kathy Bennett, 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 Feb. 18, 2013 meetings were approved.

Guest Reports:

- **Provost (Gail Wells):**
 - At the 3/13/13 Board of Regents meeting, sixteen faculty approved for tenure and promotion to associate professor; eleven approved for promotion to full professor.
 - The Celebration for Student Research and Creativity is April 18-19.
 - The “Meet, Greet and Grab a Seat” conference planning is underway.
 - The new Student Success Center on the plaza level of the University Center is now open. Two services of interest to faculty are poster printing and new technology product lending.
 - Chase has placed first and second place teams in the The National Child Welfare Moot Court.
 - Applications for Freshmen up 32%, regular admits up 24% and confirmation of fees applications are up 57%
- **Faculty Regent (Jacqueline Emerine):**
 - The Board of Regents met 3/13/13. Items of interest for faculty have been distributed in the university President’s email update and the Provost’s News for Now email.
- **Course Syllabus Bank presentation (Mary Lepper and Kathy Bennett):**
 - A demonstration of the course syllabus bank was given with questions taken from the audience. This is the first iteration of the system and suggested adjustments are welcome. Access is available via <http://syllabi.nku.edu> and suggestions can be sent to syllabi@nku.edu. Access is available only via NKU

email/password. Searchable elements are currently: course prefix, instructor, semester, and course. There is a disclaimer displayed for students with each search. Syllabi will be displayed on a 2 year rolling basis. These syllabi are taken from Digital Measures and are in pdf format.

Committee Reports:

- **Curriculum Committee** (Richard Fox):
 - The server which housed Curriculum Committee information went down and was recently replaced. As a result some old links on agendas are no longer working.
 - The MS in Health Science program was approved (new program proposal)
 - The change in course GLY 225 (to replace GLY 220) was approved.
- **Professional Concerns:** No report
- **Benefits:** No report
- **Budget Committee** (Gary Clayton):
 - Three subcommittees are currently working on issues:
 1. CUPA salaries subcommittee – thanks to Beth Sweeny on all of her hard work in providing information for this group.
 2. Dashboard subcommittee
 3. Subcommittee to review the Budget Committee priorities survey
- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement Committee** (Ken Rhee):
 - Upcoming faculty development workshop “Engaging Students Through Course Design” March 21 & 22
 - The new online course evaluation form is available for review on the TEEC website

Officer Reports:

- **Senate President** (Alar Lipping):
 - Congratulations were expressed to those who were recently granted promotions/tenure as well as the 4 faculty who were named to emeritus positions (Tom Cate, Professor in the Department of Marketing, Economics, and Sports Business; Gina Foletta, Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics; Mary Gers, Director of Simulation and Technology in the Department of Nursing; and Charles Hawkins, Professor in the Department of Physics and Geology.
 - Faculty Senate scholarship applications now being accepted through 4/5/13
 - Carol Bredemeyer and Ken Rhee will be serving as faculty representatives on the VP for University Advancement Search Committee.

New Business:

- **Professional Concerns Committee Handbook changes:** Proposed changes suggested by the committee were discussed. Further discussion will take place at the April Faculty Senate meeting where items will be voted upon. Senators were urged to discuss the changes with their respective faculty members.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary