

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

February 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, Ryan Salzman (for Irene Encarnacion), Nancy Firak, Richard Fox, Steven Gores, Diane Gronefeld, Patrick Hare, Lisa Holden, Doug Hume, Mary Kirk, Alar Lipping, Gail Mackin, Phil McCartney, Tara McLendon, John Metz, Karen Mutsch, Louise Niemer, Scott Nutter, Jeanne Pettit, Jim Thomas, Steve Weiss, Jeffrey Williams,

Members absent: Richard Boyce, Roxanne Kent-Drury, Rich Gilson, Sandra Grinnell, Yi Hu, Kajsa Larson, Ausbra McFarland, Joe Mester, Ron Shaw, Xiaoni Zhang

Guests: Geoffrey Mearns, Gail Wells, Mary Lepper, Ken Rhee, 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 Jan. 28 2013 meetings were approved.

Guest Reports:

- **University President** (Geoffrey Mearns):
 - The strategic planning process is moving forward with open forums currently taking place.
 - Two Dean searches (Dean of the College of Education & Human Services and Dean of the Chase College of Law) are progressing well.
 - Met with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee regarding the search process for the Provost position. The Committee will forward names for consideration.
 - The VP for Student Affairs position has been filled. Dr. Peter Gitau has strengths which will enhance collaboration between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs.
- **Provost** (Gail Wells):
 - The NKU production *Legally Blonde* was featured in the 2/17/13 Cincinnati Enquirer.
 - The NKU Cyber Defense Team took first place in state competition.
 - IT is working on the syllabus bank. A demo of this feature will be made to Chairs and at a future Faculty Senate meeting
 - IT has made available the ability to upload mid-term grades via Blackboard.
 - Occupants are moving into the plaza level of the new Student Success Center
 - There are currently 9 Chair, 23 tenure-track, 2 Director, and 8 Non-Tenure Track Renewable positions open across campus.
 - The Celebration of Student Research and Creativity will take place April 15-19
 - The Provost will investigate the concern expressed by Faculty Senate of the move in the date for withdrawing with a grade of "W". This semester, the date has moved up one week. The Professional Concerns Committee will be meeting with the Registrar and Director of First Year Programs at the next PCC meeting

on February 21 in order to insure that faculty concerns will be reflected in decisions about academic calendar dates.

- **Faculty Regent** (Jacqueline Emerine):
 - The next Board of Regents meeting is 3/13/13.

Committee Reports:

- **Curriculum Committee** (Richard Fox): No report
- **Professional Concerns** (Jeffrey Williams): No report
- **Benefits** (Scott Nutter): No report
- **Budget Committee** (Gary Clayton): No report
- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement Committee** (Ken Rhee):
 - The revised/updated course evaluation form is being reviewed.

Officer Reports:

- **Senate President** (Alar Lipping):
 - Administrator evaluations are open from 2/14-2/27
 - Expressed concern over the costs of parking for part-time faculty (\$54) and part-time staff (\$180)
 - The Budget Committee Chair and Benefits Committee Chair positions are still unfilled for 2013-14
- **Parliamentarian** (Steve Weiss):
 - A faculty member who is not a member of the Faculty Senate has expressed an interest in the Parliamentarian position for 2013/14. A proposal may soon come forward to change this position from an elected position to an appointed position.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary