

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

January 28, 2013

Members present: Jim Allen, Seyed Allameh, Michael Baranowski, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Gary Clayton, Kim Clayton-Code, Steve Crites, Jacqueline Emerine, Nancy Firak, Richard Fox, Sandra Grinnell, Steven Gores, Diane Gronefeld, Patrick Hare, Dave Agard (for Lisa Holden), Doug Hume, Mary Kirk, Kajsa Larson, Alar Lipping, Gail Mackin, Phil McCartney, Ausbra McFarland, Joe Mester, John Metz, Karen Mutsch, Louise Niemer, Jeanne Pettit, Jim Thomas, Steve Weiss, Jeffrey Williams, Xiaoni Zhang

Members absent: Diana Belland, Tobias Brauer, Roxanne Kent-Drury, Irene Encarnacion, Rich Gilson, Scott Nutter, Ron Shaw

Guests: Gail Wells, Mary Lepper, Ken Rhee, Grace Hiles, Pat Moynahan, Kathy Bennett

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Alar Lipping at 3:00 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the Dec. 14, 2012 meeting were approved.

Guest Reports:

- **Provost** (Gail Wells):
 - Participation in the upcoming IT Forums was encouraged.
 - Forums will soon be announced regarding the campus strategic planning process.
 - Several open positions are nearing completion:
 - Dean of the College of Education & Human Services: semi-finalists have been identified.
 - Dean of the Chase College of Law: semi-finalists have been identified.
 - VP of Student Affairs: concluded (decision pending)
 - The Student Success Center will soon be opening.
- **Faculty Regent** (Jacqueline Emerine): The Board of Regents met on Jan. 9 and discussed the following:
 - Campus strategic plan
 - Campus beautification
 - Tobacco-free campus policy. A committee will be formed to address implementation issues.
 - Faculty sabbatical presentations

Presentations:

- **Student Success Center** (Pat Moynahan/Kathy Bennett):
 - The Center is being created in order to integrate the services of 14 student support programs into a centralized location. There has been consideration of research, consultations, and various campus committees in recommending this

initiative. The mission statement is as follows: “The Student Success Center serves as a seamless and streamlined experience to equip and empower students for success”.

- The “soft” opening of the Center will be in late March/early April and will feature Norse Advising, Career Services and the NKU Tech Bar.
- The grand opening will be on Sept. 11.
- Website is being created.
- Questions/comments should be sent to success@nku.edu

Committee Reports:

- **Curriculum Committee** (Richard Fox): No report
- **Professional Concerns** (Jeffrey Williams): Working on various issues, including faculty workload
- **Benefits** (Scott Nutter): No report
- **Budget Committee** (Gary Clayton): Provost will be attending the next Budget Committee meeting
- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement Committee** (Ken Rhee):
 - Bookmarks have been created featuring the importance of course evaluations.
 - Faculty development workshop coming Jan. 31/Feb. 1 – “Providing Effective and Efficient Student Feedback”
 - A survey regarding the revised course evaluations has been completed and the committee is reviewing feedback. Most respondents found the “new” evaluation form the same or better than the previous form. Any revisions will be brought to Senate for approval.

Officer Reports:

- **Senate President** (Alar Lipping):
 - Information will soon be released regarding administrator evaluations which will take place the last 14 days of February.
 - Distinguished Professor Implementation Committee: The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met and recommended the following duties for the Committee:
 - Obtain the list of schools that have a Distinguished Professor (or similar) rank from Scott Nutter who chaired the Post-Professor Development Opportunities Committee. Review the criteria that are required at these schools to achieve the rank of DP and the process for applying the rank.
 - Examine the NKU Faculty Policies and Procedures Handbook criteria and process for promotion to Full Professor to determine whether the criteria and attendant process should be extended for DP or some new process should be applied.

- Given the DP definition generated by the committee, articulate the base-line criteria needed to achieve this rank. These criteria will be used in the Faculty Handbook. Departments and colleges may define more stringent criteria but all must meet the base-line criteria at a minimum.
 - Define the process for applying for the DP rank (candidate) and for approving candidates, e.g., department RPT committee, chair, dean, provost, or some other process.
 - The committee is not limited to the bullet points above and should feel free to review other aspects regarding the DP that might surface during their deliberations.
 - Committee members are: Michael Baranowski, Chair (Assoc. Prof. of Political Science), Scott Nutter (Professor of Physics), Perry Bratcher (Professor of Library Services), Tamara O'Callaghan (Assoc. Prof. of English), Bethany Bowling (Asst. Prof. of Biology) and Angela Lambert (Assoc. Prof. of Communication)
- **Parliamentarian** (Steve Weiss): The Parliamentarian position on the 2013/14 Faculty Senate Executive Committee is vacant – Steve is willing to train anyone interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary