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FACULTY SENATE

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
April 24, 2012

Present: D. Boerth C. Du Q. Fan R. Golen J. Griffith M. Hall  
P. Karimi W. LeBlanc S. Leclair Y. Li M. McCurry J. Riley  
A. Tandon C. Wang E. Winiarz

Excused: M. Anderson M. Guo A. Hausknecht L. Knauer  
K. Langley S. Parayitam S. White J. Wu

Guest: P. Bacdayan T. Burton J. Farrington R. Pegnetter S. Scott S. Sousa

1. R. Golen moved and W. LeBlanc seconded a motion to adopt the corrected minutes. K. Langley not K. Klangley and J. McGurl-Hadley not J. McGurl-Haldey Motion carried.

2. Provost's report J. Farrington

- Chancellor-elect Grossman will be here next week and there will be an opportunity to meet with her. The Steering Committee will meet with her and later in the day there will be an opportunity for her to meet with the general community .
- At the June Board of Trustees meeting, there will be a discussion of faculty standards and an update of capital plans. In October, there will be a report on the strategic plans.
- There will be a continuing focus on recruitment & retention, discussions about new approaches to teaching and learning, and student success.
- The ABA presentation went well and we believe that there will be a favorable recommendation from the committee.
- There are 5 candidates for the Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences position. One has withdrawn and the remaining four will be interviewed. Dean Hogan will leave as of August 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Provost's Office will be hosting a farewell reception for him before that.
- The DESE site visit went well and the team recommended a series of actions. We will await their next visit in the November

- A. Fowler's title has changed to Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and Research.
- It has been recommended by a review panel that colleges and departments have more oversight of PCE and online offerings. This would further help to define the role of PCE.
- The President has suggested that, now that we have a 14 week semester, it is possible to have a trimester schedule. There are issues of environmental concerns in some buildings.

### 3. Old Business

- The motion to create a Committee for Administrative Streamlining was tabled due to the absence of its maker, C. Barrow.
- Admissions Committee P. Bacdayan  
There will be a series of tentative recommendations coming from the committee based on an analysis of students satisfaction surveys.

Recruiting for involvement (sports and clubs) can be enhanced by a closer reading of the student's file for high school involvement. This student may have a better sense of direction.

Increased engagement of freshmen and sophomores could be done by keeping students in their orientation cohort and making better use of the orientation leaders.

All students appear to rank teaching quality, campus appearance and social interaction, are influential in satisfaction. Commuters include hours of operation of various offices, availability of classes and the helpfulness of staff as important influences while resident students list safety in the dorms, support from RAs and campus facilities are important.

### 4. New Business

- *Sweeny Todd* will be offered next week (Thursday through Sunday).
- Library update: Renovations of the upper 5 floors are ongoing with a move in scheduled for July. The new additions will be ready by November if all goes well.

### 5. R. Golen moved and A. Tandon seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Susan J. Leclair, Secretary